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THE FISHERY QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The action of the House Foreign Affairs Committee upon the bill of the State Department, to carry into effect that part of the treaty of Washington concerning the fisheries, is strongly hostile to the measure, and by many is regarded as fatal to its success. If the question had been brought to a direct vote in the Committee it would have been reported upon adversely. Finally, it was agreed to allow it to be reported back to the House without recommendation. There is no member of the Committee who favors the fishery clause of the treaty solely upon its merits. Discussions in Committee show that the concession to the United States is of no real value, and that we already have the right to fish within the three-mile limits. The treaty gives the right to land to dry the fish and dry nets. The fact is that our fishermen no longer dry fish to any extent compared with former years, and that nets are now brought home to be dried. It further appeared that since the suspension of the reciprocity treaty, the returns show that the annual amount of mackerel caught within the three-mile limit has only reached 4,00 barrels. The treaty gives no authority to buy, bait or to purchase ice, or other materials constantly needed on fishing vessels. The majority of the Committee do not believe, from the facts developed, that the treaty will do much toward settling the acrimonious disputes that constantly arise between our fishermen and the authorities of the British provinces, tthe one claim to fish within the three-mile limit excepted. The Committee will ask to have the debate on the measure set for the first week in March. The indications now are strong that the bill will fail in the House. There was a proposition in Committee to attach the bill for the revival of American shipping to the Fishery bill, to give the latter strength, but the Committee decided against this course as not strictly parliamentary, in that matters of usual legislation should not be attached to bills relating to international affairs. Some attempt to combine the two subjects will probably be made on the floor, and the same objection will be urged against it. Several members of the Committee were anxious that no action should be taken till the official authorities had acted. The final agreement to report without any recommendation was in the nature of a compromise between the different views presented.

CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

Mr. Finkelnburg, of Missouri, to-day had read in the House the protest telegraphed by the St. Louis Board of Trade against the passage of Logan's Chicago Relief bill.

THE EDUCATIONAL FUND BILL.

Representative Biggs, of Delaware, champion of the whipping-post institution of his State, is making considerable notoriety, if not reputation, by his conduct the present session. While Hoar's Educational bill was under consideration, to-day, Biggs opposed the bill by attacking Massachusetts ignorance and immorality, and offering the character of offences committed in that State as the best argument against adopting any measure which originated in that quarter. He read a list of crimes charged to the citizens of Massachusetts, such as stealing gravestones from graveyards, etc., and said that the whipping post was the best piece to expiate such offences. His grotesques manner and buffoonery, rather than his remarks, kept the House in a fit of laughter so long as he had the floor. Hoar, who has charge of the measure, was foolish enough to be annoyed by Biggs remarks, and could not be dissuaded from replying to them. He stated that if the examination was made he would prove that not only those who committed these offences were foreigners, but that they voted the Democratic ticket. Mr. Hoar is very sanguine that his bill will pass, and he will press it to vote next Tuesday. It does not appear, however, to meet with favor among many prominent Republicans, while the Democrats will oppose it solidly.

AMENDMENT IN PRINTING MATERIALS.

McNeely, of Illinois, to-day offered an amendment to the Education bill, upon which he intends to have a vote, providing that types, books, paper, and materials used in books may be imported free of duty.

CHARLES HALE

will appear before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to-morrow. The probabilities are that he will be confirmed Assistant Secretary of State at the next Executive Session.

[To The Associated Press.]

THE SALT INTEREST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Committee of Ways and Means to day continued the hearing of the salt dealers. Judge Comstock said that the individual consumption of salt is thirty-three pounds to each person annually, the duty being 6 cents, which would not buy a new gown. Chairman of the Committee would smoke. The point made was that such an appeal, or a sudden and violent change in salt would destroy that interest. John Driggs said that if salt had sold anywhere as high as $3 a bushel, it was from some temporary cause. He made a statement as to the cheapness of its manufacture at his place, Saginaw. H. M. Pitsburgh, President of the Saginaw Manufacturing Company, agreed with the views expressed by Judge Comstock, showing that it was impossible for salt manufacturers to meet foreign competition, the improveries of brine being too extensive for this purpose in various parts of the country.

RAILROAD PROJECT.

General Devin appeared before the Judiciary Committee this morning in favor of the bill chartering a through line of railroad from New York to Chicago.

THREE PER CENTS CALLED IN.

The Secretary of the Treasury called in $1,750,000 of three per cent temporary loan certificates, the following numbers: 55,000, Nos. 3,202 to 3,411, 50,000, Nos. 3,198 to 3,348. Interest on the above certificates will cease March 31, after which time they will be no longer available as a portion of the lawful money reserve in possession of any National Banking association.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS WANTED.

Sir Edward Thornton has been applied to from time to obtain copies of every newspaper, political, and magazine published in the United States, to be placed on exhibition at the International Exposition, to take place in England next this year. Publishers who desire to avail themselves of the opportunity to be represented at the exhibition, will address a copy of their publications of number dated in February to Joseph Bahlmann, newsagent, Washington, D. C.

THE DISTILLERS.

The delegation of Western distillers, who are here to look after their interests, had an interview with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in relation to the new tax on whiskey. They express satisfaction at the present rate of taxation, but represent that the manner of raising the tax is hostile to the interests of distillers and the spirit trade generally. They are anxious that the several taxes should be consolidated into one, and paid once when the whisky is removed from the distillery warehouse.

CASE OF THE HORNET.

The case of the steamer Hornet was under consideration in the Cabinet to-day, and there was some discussion as to the matter of allowing that vessel to leave Baltimore without an investigation. The whole subject was referred to the Attorney General. All the members of the Cabinet were present, excepting Secretary Robeson and Postmaster.

POSTAL CONTRACT.

This afternoon, in accordance with the recommendations of Congress, the Committee executed a contract with the Williams & Guion steamship line for carrying the Wednesday mail to Liverpool and Queenstown for two years from January 1, 1872, at the rates of compensation prescribed by law.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE:

Not in session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REMONSTRANCE.

Mr. FINKELNBURG presented a memorial against the passage of the Chicago Relief bill as objectionable, unjust, unsettling values, complicating the collection of revenue, opening a way for fraud, and imposing on the few already a burden of relief which should be borne equally alike by all.

COMMERCE.

On motion of Mr. LYNCH, the Secretary of the Treasury was requested to give information as to tonnage, etc., with respect to the trade of the United States, for the year 1870, with foreign countries.

INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Indian Appropriation bill was taken up. An amendment was adopted that no payment be made to hostile Indians, and that deductions for Indian depredations are to be made, and then the bill was passed.

RELIEF BILL.

Mr. PERCE introduced a bill to pay the College of William and Mary, in Virginia, $65,000, for the destruction made by disorderly soldiers during the war. The House proceeded to consider the bill in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Farnsworth and others, however, made objections to the bill, and it went over.

PATENTS.

Several bills for the extension of patents were passed.

EDUCATIONAL FUND BILL.

The House then took up the bill to establish an Educational Fund, and to apply the proceeds of the public lands to the education of the people.

Mr. McCarthy made a speech against the bill.

Mr. HOLMAN (R. H.) opposed the bill, saying that he regarded it as an opening wedge, merely paving the way for a comprehensive system of National education, for a postal telegraph law, and for other kindred legislation, until every right heretofore regarded as being vested in the States will be absorbed by the General Government.

Mr. KERR also opposed the bill, and referred to Mr. Hoar's speech in support of it as being unworthy of him, and as being designed to make a false charge against the Democratic party in connection with education. He characterized that speech as extremely discreditable to Mr. Hoar and unjust toward the Democratic party, whose record in connection with education was illustrious and glorious. The State of Indiana had to-day a munificent educational fund of about eight and a half millions.

Mr. HOAR suggested that that fund came from the public lands.

Mr. KERR. By no means.

Mr. HOAR. No part of it?

Mr. KERR. I did not say so.

Mr. HOAR. No; but I ask you. That is all.

Mr. KERR stated from what sources the fund was derived, three and one-half millions being from bonds issued by the State, and about four millions from public lands.

Mr HOAR. Then the gentleman admits that the bill is precisely in the line of the Democratic policy in its better days.

Mr. KERR. This bill is precisely out of the line with the Democratic policy, and is precisely in the line of the present and past policy of the Republican party

SENTENCE PASSED.

Montgomery and Busse Move for New Trials.

The Motions Overruled by the Court in Both Cases.

Statements of the Convicted Aldermen—They Protest Their Innocence.

The Sentence in Each Case--A Fine of $100 and Six Months in the County Jail.

The matter of the convicted officials of this city came up again in the Criminal Court yesterday, before Judge Tree, the question being whether new trials should be granted to all or any of them.

BUSSE'S CASE—THE ARGUMENT.

The case of Gustav A. Busse was first called on the motion docket.

Mr. Van Arman, for the accused, stated the position of the defence; that there is no criminating evidence in the case against his client, and that a conviction would be in conflict with fundamental principles of law which have been overlooked or violated. He assumed, while he responded in his own feelings to the desire to see men punished who have prostituted their office to the base purpose of personal aggrandizement, and while all men join in that anxiety, that all right-minded men must be equally anxious to see the guiltless acquitted. A criminating fact in a case of a circumstance which is wholly consistent with the theory of guilt, and as equally inconsistent with the theory of innocence. Under the rulings of the Court, the charge in this case is that a man holding a public office proposed to receive a sum of money to influence his official action. Beyond this, the particular crime of bribery charged must be proved, and this includes the proposition that he proposed to receive a particular amount of money from Goggin, to influence him to procure the purchase, by the Common Council, of a certain lot of land. The question, then, is: Did Busse, intentionally and knowingly, express to Goggin a wish to receive from him money to influence his official action in this direction. He denied that he ever said any such thing. It proved, therefore, in criminal law, the fact did not exist. In determining whether there was a criminating fact or not, in this case it is necessary to view the circumstances surrounding the defendant. As to the first matter recalled on the motion—that the fact that Busse sought out Goggin. It was his official duty to investigate the matter of the proposed purchase of the property, and it is not reasonable and entirely consistent with the theory of innocence that he should seek an interview with the proposed seller? The counsel recited the testimony of Goggin, including the facts of the interviews of that witness with Busse, both at Aldermen's and at Busse's office. The testimony, he contended, shows that there was a somewhat extended conversation between Busse and Goggin, at the close of which, upon the witness's own mind was, that he understood that Busse was in favor of the particular price Goggin was securing the best adapted for the purpose aimed at, but that Busse was strongly against a force in the Council, which was using the property in a pecuniary interest in another lot. The rest of the conversation consisted of a reference to Walsh. This is introduced to show a conspiracy between Goggin, Busse and Walsh. Does this naked reference prove this conspiracy? The fact that he knew that there were certain aldermen in favor of the purchase, by no other fact than Goggin, by his testimony, has sworn that he knew that some of the aldermen were opposed to the purchase of the streets. Independent of that, could there be no honest purpose of this reference to an associate on the force going to the same business, necessary to overcome. If there is this theory consistent with innocence, then the jury must accept it, and then there is no evidence of conspiracy. It is said that the reference to Walsh was to settle it. Settle what with Walsh? Goggin had testified to the question: Go home, for he had at once stated there was not a cent in his lot. There was a legitimate purpose that Walsh could assist, and it was not to settle, and if so whether there was any money in it. On the witness, Goggin failing to understand that there was any need in Busse informing the witness that there is another lot offering in the eastern portion of the ward, east of Clark street, in which there is $6,000 or $7,000, and that if there was no money in Goggin's lot he is afraid that he would not be able to sell it. After some more conversation, not very important in its character, the defendant tells the witness, Goggin, that he had better go and talk with Walsh, who is Chairman of the Committee on Schools, and settle the matter with him, and Goggin went out and had some words with Busse, and did go to see Walsh, and, it seems, had two conversations with him. At the first conversation, Walsh required the lot to be worth $8,000, which Goggin thought, I believe, concluded that conversation by stating that he would subsequently give him an answer. At the second conversation which he had with Walsh, he gives him what the ultimatum is that he must deposit $4,000 in Gardner's Bank to the credit of Bushnell, McGrath, and Walsh.

He contended that all the evidence there is in the case. The counsel for the defence argue, with a great deal of correctness, that the evidence is insufficient to found a verdict of guilty upon. It must be considered that the offence with which this defendant is charged is one which is always committed in secrecy; which is always concealed in every way that it is one difficult to prove by direct, positive evidence. It is committed, in the first place, by a class of men who look up to the standard of honesty among men, and of more than usual shrewdness and acumen to have the confidence of the people to commit a crime. Therefore, the offence is usually committed, not only in secret, but in the case of a State attorney, by circuitous action. It is not to be expected, therefore, in the majority of cases of this character that there should be direct evidence, positive and direct. The question is whether there is evidence enough in this case for the jury to conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of the offence charged in the indictment. It is perfectly clear to him (Goggin) from the evidence in the case, in opposition pending before the Council, and before this particular committee, that it was not probable that the school lot would be purchased without the recommendation of that committee, and that Goggin came to his place of business in order that he might influence him to use his influence as an Alderman in favor of the purchase of the property described in the indictment. Yet this defendant must be acquitted unless the jury also believe that, from the circumstances of the case, it has been established beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was to share in or receive some portion of his money thus to be paid.

The instructions, he further urged, were applicable to the case in hand, and proper as containing the law of the case so far as they applied. The prosecution waived the opening.

ARGUMENT OF MR. HERVEY.

Mr. Hervey closed. He took the ground that in this case the defendant is responsible for only the acts of another. To be so held there must have been a conspiracy between Walsh and de fendant to do this wrongful act, and Walsh must be of principal and agent between them for the perpetration of it. The question then is, is there any evidence of such combination or action, outside of the declaration of the co-conspirator. This evidence, he argued, was totally lacking; that Walsh was not in the room when Busse made his testimony in the case showing guilt, for then the declarations of Walsh are excluded. He objected to the testimony of Goggin as to the conversation between Goggin and Busse, no friendship existing between the two particularly; that Goggin was a stranger to Busse, up to the time that he went to see him at his place of business; that although shortly after entering Busse's office and store, he commenced to talk with him with reference to the purchase of his lot asking him if he desired to sell it and for a school site, and if so whether there was any money in it. On the witness, Goggin telling the accused that there was no money in it, he informs the witness that there is another lot offering in the eastern portion of the ward, east of Clark street, in which there is $6,000 or $7,000, and that if there was no money in Goggin's lot he is afraid that he would not be able to sell it. After some more conversation, not very important in its character, the defendant tells the witness, Goggin, that he had better go and talk with Walsh, who is Chairman of the Committee on Schools, and settle the matter with him, and Goggin went out and had some words with Busse, and did go to see Walsh, and, it seems, had two conversations with him. At the first conversation, Walsh required the lot to be worth $8,000, which Goggin thought, I believe, concluded that conversation by stating that he would subsequently give him an answer. At the second conversation which he had with Walsh, he gives him what the ultimatum is that he must deposit $4,000 in Gardner's Bank to the credit of Bushnell, McGrath, and Walsh.

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FRANCE.

Startling Picture of French Ignorance from the Pen of a French Savant.

Universal Suffrage in France a Mockery.

Jules Simon's Educational Bill---Clerical Crusade Against It.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 11.

The system of public instruction is the sore spot on the body politic of France, and demands a radical cure, if that country shall ever rise again from its present prostrated position. Happily, there are at least some Frenchmen who combine intelligence to comprehend the root of evil, and courage enough to tell the patient the nature of his sickness. Amongst them is one with whom I wish to make the readers of THE TRIBUNE acquainted. Monsieur H. Taine, author of several literary works, the latest of which, *"Notes sur l'Angleterre,"* is just published, devotes, in *Le Temps*, to the universal suffrage, an article, or rather an essay, which shows the standard of civilization as it exists in that country, and by which many of the political events can be explained that would otherwise be incomprehensible.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE A MOCKERY.

According to M. Taine, universal suffrage in France is nothing but an illusion, a fraud, or, as he more abruptly expresses it, a mockery, which Government uses like a strong but blind horse, who, just as the reins are drawn, went to the right or to the left, but which never begins to refuse to obey the reins: which was proven by the last elections of members of the Departmental Councils, when two-thirds of the registered voters abstained from voting at all.

THE CHARACTER OF THE ELECTORS.

In order to show that the universal suffrage in France could, under the present circumstances, be nothing but a fraud, the author goes on to explain the body-politic, and describes the moral, intellectual, and political character of the members composing it. Let us see what the result of that analysis is: The French people, who are thoroughly and who depend upon their own judgment, decide, for the greater part, in the large cities; but even those act only in accordance with the views and ideas which they are in vogue in those great communities, and which are so far that the large majority of the electors live on the same villages, and small towns. According to statistics, 18,200,000 people live in communities which contain less than 3,000 inhabitants, and 15,500,000 persons reside in communities of between 1,000 and 3,000 inhabitants, forming, of a whole population of 38,000,000, nearly 29,000,000 of the country, in villages or very small cities. Among the 10,000,000 of voters in France, 5,000,000 are peasants, proprietors of little pieces of land, day-laborers; 2,000,000 are skilled laborers; 1,500,000 are shopkeepers, master-mechanics, contractors on a small scale, and other persons who belong to the *petit bourgeois*; 1,500,000 are men who live on the income, men of letters and of art, great merchants, manufacturers, persons belonging to the higher or educated class. A knot of 30 voters would, therefore, be composed of 10 peasants, 4 laborers, 3 *demi-bourgeois*, and 8 men belonging to the class of the educated, or rich and independent people. But the number of the peasants, or cloddy-pers, is even larger than half of the voters, if all the inhabitants of communities with less than 2,000 inhabitants shall be classified, as this is generally done with the statistics. The same consists of 70 per cent of the whole population, or 14 voters out of 20. Indeed, amongst that class ought to be numbered all those who have the same ideas, the same habits, and the same lack of education, and whose horizon is not farther than the steeple of their village church can be seen. Our author classes a great number of mechanical and industrial laborers and shop-keepers, who live in small villages, with their neighbors who plow and mow. In judging the political intelligence of the great majority of the French electors, it is necessary to keep in that, in France, out of 100 persons of the masculine gender, 29 can neither read nor write. These belong almost without exception, to the rural population, who furnish 70 per cent of the electors, and therefore it can be assumed that *35 per cent of all the voters of France have never received the least primary instruction.* There is no room for doubt as to the judge of the political intelligence of the French electors.

GROSS IGNORANCE.

But M. Taine has held personal conversation with that class of the population, in different parts of the country, and by talking with them in regard to public affairs, he informed himself of their really bottomless ignorance. Out of a great number of instances, I will pick out only a few.

At a distance of 40 miles from Paris, the peasants had no idea what a State budget was; and, when M. Taine told them that all the money which they had to pay to the Collector of the Revenue went into the Treasury as the State, that out of that money the army, the Judges, and other public functionaries were paid, and that an account was kept of all the moneys paid in and out, they were as surprised as if they had made a discovery. After the *coup d'etat*, the rural population of the Ardennes were satisfied [illegible] is Napoleon, whom they considered that [illegible] which failed, was about to be a ve[illegible] of the Government, and all the expe[illegible] not to pay any more that they need [illegible]borhood of Tours, the peasants refu[illegible] all, and tried to escape by the Republic. [illegible]ase tickets, saying: "We have now a Republic, and so we can do everything that we want to do."

Our author has read some 25 or 30 reports of Prefects from the period of 1815 to 1830. The ignorance, and the credulity of the functionary, described therein, are, as he says, astonishing; but, says he, last year has proven that, in the minds of that rural population, it was but a task to bring it back to 1815. He has in his possession quite a lot of letters and petitions from small proprietors, village shop-keepers, and the like, addressed to Prefects and other officers of the Government, which show such a degree of ignorance, of stupidity, of a lack of common sense, of an utter inability to think, and to reason, that the difference between public and private affairs, that one can hardly imagine how human beings can be of such a low understanding. They are yet subjects, and look upon the King of the Emperor, but of some power which they cannot see, but which they feel. They know that somewhere, far distant, there is something powerful, the Government, which must be obeyed, but only because it is powerful, and because they are afraid of fines, of imprisonment, and *gens d'armes*. The Government appears to them useful, only because the *gens d'armes* arrest the malefactors and the Roadmaster keep the highways in repair; but then Government is to be feared, because it can trouble the subjects by their officers,—the considered as the champion of popular education; has introduced a bill for an act regulating primary education. That bill, insufficient as it would appear to any liberal-minded American, has not the least prospect of finding favor with that reactionary, bigoted, and intolerant Assembly of Versailles. Monsieur Ordinaire, the member from Marseilles, has baptized the men assembled at Versailles. In the first place, the principle of free schools is entirely discarded in M. Simon's bill. The parents have to pay a tuition fee, and, only in case they can show their inability on account of poverty, can they be excused from paying that fee. How humiliating for a great many families who are really poor, but who try to keeping appearances, to beg for free admission of their children, whom they are compelled, under heavy penalties, to send to school! It is true, every city or village has authority to pass a law making the schools free; but how many will avail themselves of that *privilege*? The principle of compulsion is contained in M. Simon's bill; and not only heavy penalties are proposed for parents who refuse or neglect to send their children to school, or to give them a sufficient education at home or in private institutions, but, after the lapse of a certain time, the present principle of universal suffrage shall be changed to one of qualified suffrage, inasmuch as only those citizens are to be allowed to vote and write shall be entitled to vote. As the matter stands at present, however, there is not the least hope that obligator primary education will ever be enforced by the men of Versailles. But it is not only the compulsory part of the bill that will defeat it; it is the little choice that is left to the communities to decide whether the schools shall be of a secular or of a lical character, which will be the death-knell to that bill. So far, all the public schools of France are under the control and superintendence of *Monsieur le Cure*, the Catholic priest. According to the bill the first choice is with the Common Council, subject to the division of the Council of the Department, and, in case of a disagreement, an appeal may be taken to the Council Superior of Public Instruction. But one of the principal questions will be, who will examine and appoint the teachers? Since 1854, the organization of the schools and the appointment of the teachers have been in the hands of the Prefects. Why not intrust the appointment of the teachers to the Committees? M. Simon, among other reasons, thinks that the members of the Common Councils have not the *capacity of making good selections*. Would they do as the Common Council of Chicago, by the select battery of school inspectors, and junk-dealers for Justices of the Peace? M. Simon would elect the teachers by the Inspector of the Academy, under the superintendence of the Recteur of the Department. The Inspector gives a provisional, or, as they call it in Chicago, a partial certificate, and, after a practice of two years and an examination before the Inspector of the Academy and two School Inspectors, the Rector will grant a full certificate. And this examination, required of law teachers, and of clerical boys, is the stumbling-block of the whole bill.

CLERICAL OPPOSITION TO THE MEASURE.

I have written your readers accordingly of thirteen members of the Special Commission elected in Caucus or Sections of the Assembly, which were strong opponents of the law. In the meantime, the clerical party and their minions have also elected enemies of the system of Jules Simon, so that the Committee stands thirteen against, and two for the bill. Their opposition is mostly founded upon the compulsory clause, and the examination of the teachers belonging to the clerical order. In order to comprehend that opposition, it is necessary to know that Monseigneur Dupanloup, who is elected Chairman of the Committee, has made, in the Ninth Section, a furious onslaught upon the bill, especially the compulsory clause and the examination of the clerical teachers; and the high clergy appear to be organizing a real crusade against the bill. The Archbishops of Rouen, Bordeaux, the Bishops of Diez, d'Avranches, de Bayeux, d'Evreux, and de Vannes, have sent petitions to the National Assembly, in which they take a strong ground against every modification of the system of primary education which might be based upon the principle of compulsion. "That bill," the Bishops say, "if it should become a law, would be a greater and more terrible calamity than all our defeats and all our disasters! That bill, with a tyranny unheard of amongst civilized nations, would take possession of children from his 6th year!" The holy men do not seem to consider their neighbors in Switzerland and Germany as civilized nations! Poor France! that fight of popular education, glaring so luridly in Germany and in Switzerland, will not be admitted so easily in the country which boasts to march at the head of civilization. The dark legions of the infallible One keeps guard at the entrance of the happy land. They do not want to have the people educated. Not long ago, when M. Duruy was Minister of Public Instruction, he published a map publicly, showing the statistics of popular education in France, and parents which contained more than 50 per cent of inhabitants who could neither read nor write were in black colors, and oh! how black it looked,—as black as a French negro! Indeed, in one Department, out of 100 drafted men, seventy had never received the least primary schooling. How long will it be before we shall see more educated recruitment of the United States than of the peasants of France? After such explanation, it is not to be wondered at that French ignorance had to succumb before the German army of schoolmasters, and that a French Republic, based upon universal suffrage, has not a very strong foundation.

L. B.

ANOTHER MAD DOG.

A Man, a Girl, a Cow, and Four Dogs Bitten.

From the Detroit Free Press, Feb. 1.

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning a large black dog, snapping and growling, entered the yard of a citizen of Twenty-first street, named Louis Jardrin, and advanced made for the family dog, which was standing near the front step. The large dog seized the smaller one, threw him down, and came so near eating him up that the victim died within three minutes after the fight. The owner's wife, armed with a stick of wood, ran out to drive the strange dog away, but she saw that his jaws were covered with a greenish froth, his eyes blazing like coals, and she ran back to the house, affrighted, the animal making a spring for her face, but fell short in his spring and seized and tore off her apron, and also tore her dress nearly off at the waist by seizing the skirt as she was closing the door.

The animal, after running about the yard a few moments, dashed out at the gate, where he encountered a dog belonging to a family on the Twenty-first street, and gave him battle, biting him so severely that the victim left a trail of blood in running home. By this time several people were at their doors crying "mad dog!" to warn pedestrians of their danger, and two or three men armed themselves and started out, but were careful to keep so far away from the mad dog that their shots proved useless. The dog ran down Twenty-first street two blocks, and then crossed over on to Twentieth street, where he seized a cow by the nose and twisted her down to her knees before letting go his hold. Just as he was about leaving, a small dog came up to join in the attack, and the little cur was rolled over and over in the snow, and bitten half a dozen times.

The mad canine then ran north on Twentieth street until he came to Lafayette avenue, when he encountered a man living at that corner, named Joseph M. Goulet. Goulet was almost in front of his house, on the walk, and did not notice the dog until he had seized him by the arm, or the wrist. The dog hung fast to his hold, and Goulet kicked him several times without making him let go, finally swinging him clear around before the teeth tore out of the skin and flesh. Paying no further attention to Goulet, the dog ran up to near the corner of Vinewood avenue, where he met and bit his fourth dog, which had been chasing him for a block or two.

A few rods further on the dog met a little girl named Emma McCann, who is living with Mrs. Casey, on Vinewood avenue, her mother being a poor widow. The girl heard the shouts of the men, saw the dog, and tried to get out of the way, but he seized her by the leg and mangled the limb in a horrible manner, biting into the flesh half a dozen times before he left. He then ran up the street about two blocks, meeting no one else, and his pursuers succeeded in killing him. When killed the animal's mouth was covered with froth, and a greenish slime oozed from his mouth to the extent of a pint or more. Goulet, as soon as he ascertained that the dog was mad, procured a vehicle and drove to the Central Station, where the police a warning, deeming such an act his duty, even before having his own wound attended to. He then made a call on Dr. Brown, on Lafayette street, and had his wound cauterized and dressed. In this case no serious results may follow, but in the case of the girl the gravest consequences may result. Although bitten about 9 o'clock, there was no such confusion that her case was not attended to until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. She was then brought to Griffith's drug store on Michigan avenue, and Dr. Gilmartin was called to dress the limb, which was much swollen and frightfully lacerated by the teeth of the animal.

Senator McCreery's Views on After-Dinner Speaking and Inspiration.

In accordance with the usual custom in Kentucky, Senator-elect McCreery gave a dinner to the members of the Legislature of that State and others on the evening of the 26th ult., and in responding to a toast in his honor he said that he considered an after-dinner speech the greatest humbug of modern times. The fashion was an innovation upon the good, old-time customs of the fathers. There had been, he said, a great deal of good, old, hard sense in the thousands of years behind us, but none of it had ever sanctioned after-dinner speeches. They were about as tedious and empty as the empty decanter from which they drew their inspiration. He said that inspiration was all bosh; hard work does it all; and if there is any young man here to-night who has set himself down to wait, or any old man who has been waiting for the last forty years for this thing of inspiration to come or [illegible], Julius Simon, Minister of Public Instruction, who was always heard, and long, and steady, and, by the time you are ready to step into your grave, people will begin to think that you are a genius, and commence to think that you are one of those lucky fellows who have been blessed by that blessed thing called inspiration. There's where your inspiration comes in. That's the nearest approach to inspiration that I know of, and, if you want it, you can go home to-night, get sober, and commence at daylight in the morning upon a sixty years' work for it.

ANTICIPATED FLOOD.

Uneasiness in the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers---Bottoms Great Floods in Former Years.

From the Carrollton (Ill.) Record.

The towns and cities situated immediately on the Missouri River have of late manifested considerable uneasiness in relation to the probability of a disastrous overflow of the Missouri in the coming spring. This apprehension is not ill-founded, and it is well that attention is called to the subject at so early a day. The heavy falls of snow during the winter in the Black Hills, on the plains, and the main range of the Rocky Mountains create great fears that many of the great feeders which debouch into the Missouri will swell the volume of water to an unprecedented altitude. Old mountaineers shake their heads dubiously when the subject is referred to, and are not loth to expressing their fears of coming disaster.

In view of the immense interests at stake it will not be amiss to take a brief retrospect of the effects and results of the high water of 1844 in our own immediate vicinity. The great flood of 1844 left a damaging impress to a considerable portion of the southern part of Carroll County. In the bottom the losses in property reached a large amount, rising many thousands of dollars; the river extended from bluff to bluff, nearly twelve miles in width. Houses, barns, horses, mules, hogs, cattle, and gathered farm crops were swept away in great numbers. Nathan King, living in the upper bottom, near Miles Point, had moved to Carroll County in 1842, bringing with him a fine lot of horses, cattle, and hogs, and was farming on a large scale; and Jacob Francis, Paul Alder, John Kenton, and the Messrs. Fuller—all thrifty farmers—suffered heavily, not less for cattle or other stock, and losing thousands of dollars. Mr. Alexander Hill, the oldest pioneer in Carroll County, lost all his stock—but barely escaped having several of the members of his family drowned. Colonel Thompson and the Austin settlement were more fortunate; living on higher ground, they saved nearly all their stock. Where the Messrs. Woolsey lived, on the river bank, the water came in the rear, cutting off their retreat, and they were obliged to take refuge on the opposite side of the river. Their entire stock was lost, except a few cows, which were driven into the river, and swam to the opposite shore. The lower bottom alike suffered. Hicks Moss, the Carrs, Neels, and Carey L. lost nearly all their stock, grain and growing crops, amounting to thousands of dollars, in addition to the loss. Captain Harker had 150 head of cattle drowned, and lost other stock to considerable extent.

Colonel Safford, who was building at the time, met with serious losses in the washing away of his house. Mr. Coates, to the south, would be no doubt suffered much from the disastrous overflow of 1844.

The winter of 1844 was somewhat analagous to that of the present year—deep snows fell in the mountains and very little in this valley. The spring thaw came on; the "June rise" also then began, the snow rapidly melted, while a heavy rain commenced to fall all over Kansas and Western Missouri. This rain, we are informed by several old settlers of the Valley, continued to fall for the space of thirty days, causing the upper streams to pour into the Missouri their immense volume of water, thus swelling that river to Amazonian proportions.

It must be borne in mind that in 1844 the spring rains had scarcely started their bottoms; Crooked River, Wakanda and Moss Creeks, etc., had already overflowed their banks. The rise of 1869, greater than we are informed by old settlers, found us in the midst of dry season," with very low water, consequently the mighty river failed to "back" on the streams of this part of the country—hence almost no damage was inflicted. So, from this agency we hang. If the spring season finds the bottom lands dry, streams low, and little rain, the chance of escape from apprehended danger is appreciably growing and flattering. Otherwise we must look out for the worst.

The great inundation of 1844, according to a reliable writer at that time, was ten or twelve feet higher than that of 1826, 1785, and higher than ever known, except in 1785, when it rose thirty feet above the common level, and from the record in Beck's History of Illinois and Missouri, was the greatest flood known during the last one hundred and fifty years, at which period the Mississippi washed in a part of Fort Chartres. Mr. Cerre, the oldest French settler in St. Louis, says the inundation of the water in the Missouri was not as high by some four or five feet in 1785 as it was in 1844, and all the old settlers of Kaskaskia agree in saying that the overflow of 1785 left only one spot in the town of Kaskaskia, which did not in 1844 with water five feet deep. The steamer Indiana was chartered by the nuns to take the pupils of the nunnery to St. Louis, and received them on board at Colonel Menard's door, and passed along the road to St. Louis, on which there was from six to fifteen feet of water, leaving the river far to the left the whole route. Some 200 houses were built in Kaskaskia on the Indiana, and about 300 found shelter on the premises of Colonel Menard, and many more spread their tents around the "Hill of Promise." These figures will not cover the loss sustained by this flood in the States of Illinois and Missouri. Some of the most valuable farms in those two States have been rendered worthless for several years. The whole American bottom, from Alton to Cairo was submerged, containing 700 square miles of the finest lands in the world. La Beste a Reynard was the only solid land out of water in 1844—so says the St. Louis *Republican*. The great flood was caused by the swelling of the northern rivers and their empty into the Missouri and Upper Mississippi, and by the melting of the snow on the eastern declivity of the Rocky Mountains.

The Spanish and Portuguese explorations of DeSoto's marauding expedition tell us that in March, 1542, all the high grounds on the west side of the Mississippi, from the mouth of the Ohio to Red River, were submerged several feet. There is a document in the Clerk's office of Randolph County, Ill., at Kaskaskia dated 1725, soliciting a grant of lands and lots from the Crown of France, and urging as a reason the "great flood" of the preceding year, 1724, which overflowed the village, destroyed the houses, and drove the inhabitants to the bluffs.

The bottom lands along the Mississippi from Alton to Cairo, at the mouth of the Ohio, average five miles in width. Since the Mississippi was first discovered by Europeans it has been subject to these inundations at short intervals, and the settlements also extend to the construction of revolving shutters generally, a feature in Mr. H.'s inventions being a tubular revolving shutter, the sides of which are made to close by a solidified water already mentioned, except that for these shutters the compound is identical with the asbestors fire-proof safe-filling, patented by Mr. Theodore Hyatt, and which is represented to us as capable of resisting a higher degree of heat, and for a longer time, than any compound yet discovered.

One thing more seems worthy of notice a new method of making iron roofs and floors. By the ordinary method of construction, the iron, in the form of beams, is placed at intervals with intervening spaces that are filled, together with all the beech, sassafras and other species of timber.

CIVIL SERVICE "REFORM."

The Troy Collectorship—An Arbitrary Case of Removal from Office—The Operation of the Civil Service Regulations.

The whole situation in the Troy Collectorship business is summed up and explained in the following correspondence between the deposed Collector and Secretary Boutwell:

CUSTOM HOUSE, TROY, N. Y., Jan. 17.

Hon. Geo. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury:

SIR: I would respectfully ask you to follow: Report: I have this day received at the hands of Chas. L. MacArthur a notice from the Hon. C. A. Arthur, Collector of Customs at New York, dated the 15th inst., reporting a Deputy Collector and Inspector of the Customs having been nominated in your place, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of the 9th inst. I have to inform you that your services are no longer required." Mr. McArthur also showed his commission for the place, dated the 15th inst., reported duly decided to deliver the archives of the office until further advised, believing that my removal was made through misapprehension of the facts of the case, and that it was contrary to the proclamation of the President, popularly known as the Civil Service proclamation. In common with the public, I suppose that the proclamation was dependent for its force upon the fact that removals could only be made for cause—incompetence or dishonesty; and I am unconscious of any cause, believing that I have discharged the duties of the office honestly and to the entire satisfaction of my superior officers, and the public transacting business with me. Mr. MacArthur informed me that his nomination was made about the 1st of December, 1871, supposing that the cause was thus taken out of the scope of the proclamation, while the letter of the Collector informs me that the Secretary approved the nomination of Mr. MacArthur, on the 9th instant, and his notice to me was dated on the 15th inst., and delivered on the 17th. I suggest that the removal can date either from the approval of removal can date either from the approval of the nomination of my successor or the notice to me in either case after the 1st inst. But if it shall be held that my removal should date from the nomination of my successor, it date from the nomination of my successor, it is in violation of the spirit of the proclamation, while, if it should date from the 9th, or 15th, or 17th inst., it would be in violation of the letter of the proclamation. I was appointed in April, of the letter of the proclamation. I was appointed in April, 1869, by Mr. Grinnell. The office was created 1869, by Mr. Grinnell. The office was created originally for the public object of relieving the New York office from the labor of receiving the fees of canal-boats and river craft entering the fleet of canal-boats and river craft entering the fleet at this place. Until my appointment, the office was considered and treated as a sinecure, the person appointed merely signing blanks and drawing his salary with assiduity, while the actual duties ministered, and to some extent judicial, were performed by Mr. George Barr, a person entirely competent, but in no way responsible to the Government or the Collector at New York. The person appointed was usually connected editorially with some party newspaper, and that I know of, and, if you want it, you can go home to-night, get sober, and commence at daylight in the morning upon a sixty years' work for it.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. H. BOUTWELL, Secretary.

On receipt of this note, Mr. McClellan retired from the office, and the new incumbent was at once installed.

FIRE-PROOF BUILDINGS.

Some Recent Inventions.

From the New York Tribune, Jan. 30.

Mr. Thaddeus Hyatt, the inventor of illuminating grating and basement extensions, which have so largely added to the value of our city property, has recently patented in Europe some valuable improvements in the construction of buildings to secure them against fire. One part of his inventions consists in making floors of brick or tile, which he fills with water, made solid by an inexpensive process, which holds the fluid as effectually as if frozen, as much water being contained in a cubic foot of the material as in a cubic foot of the most solid ice. These water-tiles are to be of any required shape and size, glazed or unglazed, ornamented or plain, convex or plane, and are to be laid as flooring, like encaustic or marble tiling; or (which the inventor prefers) are to be set like the glass of his illuminating gratings in metallic frames; in which form, roofs of any kind may be made of them with the same facility as those which are now constructed of tin. The "Hyatt Fire-Proof" Mansard roof, constructed of these water-gratings, may be covered with ornamental slate, if desired; though it is the intention of the inventor, if he can make them sufficiently ornamental in themselves. Another and very singular water-grating is one which gives light as well as water; this is made of alum crystals tied up in cloth, and laid on a grating upon a wire netting in its centre. These alum panes are protected against the weather by an outside layer of thin glass, or by a thin transparent varnish. A floor thus composed of the water-brick, and laid in the ordinary way, would very much resemble the old-fashioned French floors of octagonshaped tiles, in which the glass is set up in the form of a shallow cup, and the effect of a fire upon it would be to crack the brick and liberate the steam, which would then extinguish the flames.

Mr. Hyatt has also patented, under certain conditions and forms, the use of non-efflorescing salts, the most valuable being alum, not only for the water it contains but for the tenacity with which until exposed to flame or fire it holds the water in combination. According to one part of his invention, alum is reduced to a fine powder and intimately mixed with plaster of Paris in certain definite proportions, and is then put up in the form of bricks, or other convenient and merchantable shape as "new manufacture." This fire-extinguishing compound may be used as a "deafening," either in its dry state or as a concrete or [illegible] may be moulded into any convenient shape and size, and laid in between the beams. Under another combination, alum and hydraulic cement are ground together, put in merchantable form as a new manufacture, and sold to be used dry. And still another compound is a mixture of alum, asbestos, and plaster of Paris, to be used wet, made into a mortar for plastering upon suitable lathing; the layer being placed behind the "scratchcoat," with an inch or so of space between the two. These compounds are to be used in subjects of construction, after the manner of making dry-pressed brick, and brought into market in several convenient forms.

Thus far, these improvements apply to [illegible] dwellings as well. Reference to the latter have more especial reference to fire insurance Companies, that one source of danger in our great merchant stores comes from the large openings underneath the central skylight, which is usually in the form of a roof down to the basement story. A fire, once inside of such a building, sweeps through it with resistless fury. Mr. H. proposes to close the openings at night by horizontal revolving shutters, which, being provided upon "ways," may be opened and shut with the greatest ease, and in less time than is required to raise and lower the vertical blinds that close the windows. He also proposes, where skylights of either thin or plate glass in large strips are used, to protect them by revolving shutters. Here these shutters are used to form a roof over the rear extension of the principal story, he uses stationary fire-proof shutters in the form of Venetian blinds placed underneath the light, the slats being silvered upon one face as to be set at an angle during the day, and used as a "daylight reflector" to illuminate the central portion of the store. These improvements also

Another novel invention is that of a shade easier, especially on heavy lots, which sold at $6 00 for odd lots, and $6.00 for straight, smooth lots. Large lots, of irregular shape, $7.00 per lot on request, and sold at $5.07@5.10, the market closing rather lower, with buyers at $5.00 and $5.05. Sales to-day, 2,630 lots.

Lake freights were quiet and unchanged. The schooner C. Wall was chartered for corn to Buffalo at 1½c.

Provisions were rather less active, and very steady at yesterday's prices. The market opened steady, with an evident disposition to sell mess pork, the apparent reason being an easier feeling at the Stock Yards on mess pork hogs, though light hogs were firmer. The market soon rallied, and was thenceforward steady, with a good demand for meats, while lard was in fair request. The only feature of importance was the presence of an abundance of capital, the holders of which were anxious to buy cash and sell for March, making a profit on the difference, of which the tendency of carrying charges anxiety reduced the margin about 3@c per bbl; it was 25@30c yesterday,—principally the cut. Mess pork, cash and closed at [illegible] per bbl, $14.00@15.00; do loose pressed, $13.50@14.00; prairie, pressed $9.00@10.00. On wagon—Timothy, loose, $10.00@12.00; mixed, $9.00@11.00. For delivery of pressed hay, $1.00@1.50, according to distance.

DIDE—The general features of this market were substantially the same as quoted from day to day for a fortnight past. There is no surplus stock on hand, but dealers seem anxious to realize save at full prices. We continue to quote: Green salted cured hides, 11@c; do heavy, 10½c; part cured, 10@11c; green frozen, 9@9c; murrain kip, 11@c; veal kip, 14c; green calf, 16c; dry salted; 18@17c; dry kip, 20c; dry calf, 26c; dry flint, 19@20c; deacons, 35@36c; grubby, scoured cut, or otherwise damaged, two-thirds price; branded, 10 per cent off.

HOOF AND STICK—The demand continues steadily fair, and the market remains at the quoted prices:

Bar iron	4½@4½c
Horse iron	5½@6c
Heavy band	5½@5½c
Light band	5½@6½c
Scrap	3½@3½c
Oval	4½@4½c
Round and square	4½@4½c
Best refined and hard	4½@5c
Russia iron, perfect	20 c
Russia No. 1, stained	18 c
Sheet iron	5½@6½c
Norway nailrods	7 @7½ c
German plow steel	10@14 c
Tempered plow steel	10@14 @13½ c
Spring and tire steel	9 @9½ c

LEATHER—We continue to quote:

HEMLOCK—City harness, oblique, 37@38c; city harness, 27@30c; country harness, 24@26c; Philadelphia, per lb, 30@34c; kip, per lb, 30c@$1.00; kip, veals, $1.00@1.15; city upper, No. 1, per ft, 29@32c; city upper, No. 2, per ft, 26@28c; city upper, No. 1, 24@27c; collar, per ft, 21@23c; calf, city, $1.25@1.45; calf, country, $1.10@1.25; rough upper, 21@23c; rough upper, damaged, 20@22c; Buffalo slaughter sole, 26@27c.

OAK—Philadelphia sole, 32@34c; Philadelphia sole, 30@32c; harness, per lb, 29@43c; kip, light, $1.00@1.15; kip, No. 1, medium, 90c@$1.00; kip, heavy, $1.00@1.25; calf, per ft, 31@37c; country upper, calf, 50 lbs, $1.50@2.25; French calf, 36 lbs, $1.60@2.30; French kip, 40 to 100 lbs, $1.00@1.65; French calf, 5 to 7 lbs, $2.00@2.50; Canada,

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DEFECTS IN THE FIRE ORDINANCE.

The fire ordinance, as matured by the Common Council, but not finally acted upon, is printed in full in the Tribune yesterday. The limits begin at Sixteenth and Thirty-ninth street, thence go west to State, north on State to Thirty-fifth street, thence west to Halsted street, thence north to the C., B. & Q. crossing, thence west to Throop street, north to Twelfth, west to Ogden, north to Van Buren, west to Western avenue, north to Walnut street, east to Ogden, north to Chicago avenue, east to North Wells street, north to North avenue, thence east to the Lake. The exclusion extends 150 feet beyond the lines of these limits. When the owners of a majority of the frontage on any block not included within the limits shall so petition, such block may become subject to the provisions of the ordinance. The ordinance is defective in the fact that it perpetuates all existing structures. It does not prohibit the repair or improvement of existing frame buildings. The prohibition reads:

"It shall any wooden building within said fire limits be damaged to the extent of more than 50 per cent of the value, be so repaired as to be raised higher than the highest point of its standing after the damage shall have occurred, or be occupied for a greater space than before the injury occurred."

The word "less" in this section perhaps should be printed "more." As this is the only provision in the ordinance regulating repairs, the natural inference from the reading of this provision as it stands would be that any building damaged more than 50 per cent might be re-erected. This restriction would be consistent if there was an additional provision prohibiting any repair whatever of any wooden structure damaged more than 50 per cent. The ordinance, however, contains no prohibition of any current repairs to existing buildings, which may be perpetuated forever.

The ordinance is defective, also, in not fixing, in absolute terms, that no building, either brick, stone, iron, or wood, or any part thereof, or any roof or cornice, shall be begun without a permit in writing from the Board of Public Works, which permit shall be the authority for the builder to begin the same. It is impossible, as experience has shown, for the Board of Public Works to watch the entire roof of Chicago, and to interpose at every violation of the law, any building, or part thereof, begun without a permit, would be treated as illegal; and every person engaged therein should be punished by severe penalties.

The old fire ordinance prohibited the repair of wooden buildings from one lot to other within the fire limits; this ordinance wholly departs from this rule, and permits the removals in all cases where the building shall be decided by the Mayor and Board of Public Works to be less than 60 per cent of "what it would cost to build a new building of like character." This is not justifiable. It will result in prolonging all these structures until they are destroyed by fire. The man who owns a lot, who has the means to build thereon a brick or stone warehouse or residence, can afford to tear down his frame building; the $100 or $200 he may get for it from some dealers in old houses is but a small amount to him; and the building moved to some other place will not only prove to be a public nuisance, but may be the means of producing a conflagration. It is, moreover, an interference with a private right. All real estate included within the fire-limits will appreciate from 10 to 50 per cent in value, from the fact that a part of it can be improved here-after, except by brick or stone buildings; the whole value of this protection is destroyed if the wooden buildings already in existence can be carted about and erected wherever the dealer in that kind of wood may choose to place them. The encouragement given to permanent buildings by the fire ordinance is defeated so long as any wooden building may at any time be brought and backed in alongside of the most costly buildings. Why prohibit a man from erecting a new and elegant frame building on his lot, and permit him to move thereon a shanty, an old rookery, to be a perpetual nuisance, because and is only to be brought about by

The Council, having brought themselves to the point of enacting an ordinance at all, should not defeat it by permitting such defects.

THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

The motive of the opposition which has developed itself in the United States Senate to the bill allowing drawbacks upon imported goods, Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, stated, in the burnt district of Chicago, was to prevent legislation which would result in a reduction of $20,000,000 in the receipts of the needed building materials. It is well known that the whole amount of revenue lost to the Government will be a very small fraction of this sum,—so small, indeed, that it has ceased to be a matter of controversy. The drawback is not an unusual thing. It is now allowed to fishermen on salt they use. It has just been allowed by both houses to the importers of machinery for mining copper in Louisiana and in making plate-glass in Ohio, and there perhaps twenty bills pending before the two houses, supported by those who oppose the bill, allowing drawbacks upon materials used in ship-building, also upon sundry stores and supplies. But Mr. Sherman told the following story:

Mr. Sherman called attention to the remarkable article in the London Economist favoring the extension of the principle of the bill to burned cities, towns, villages, and houses in Europe. A fire had made terrible havoc over Constantinople, and had been a fire.

Mr. Chandler. Why not, if it is right in the case of Chicago?

Mr. Sherman. It is hard to say why not, but, if it is true, we must pass one bills every time a fire occurs, that discriminates against home manufactures.

I do not suppose that, if the law passes, 5 per cent of the material will be imported; consequently, the Government will lose at most but an insignificant amount of duties; while the $20,000,000 which the protected classes, whose representative Senator Sherman is, propose to extort from our miseries and misfortunes, will be cut off, and they will be to take what the fire has left us will be denied. And so Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Chandler, and the others stand sword in hand before the homeless, shelterless, houseless people and merchants of this stricken city, demanding that before they rebuild their homes and warehouses they shall pay a duty to richer men in other parts of the country! And the commercial bodies of Chicago cities, whose charity far exceeds their means, take their stand by the side of Sherman and Chandler, and tell us, in effect: "Build a brick, not a pine board, not a pane of glass, if you have till you have paid the most farthing of the bounty."

ELECTION FRAUDS.

We have now from Texas a statement that a Grand Jury in one of the counties of that State has indicted the Governor for various official acts, including the issue of election certificates to persons not elected. A Committee of the House of Representatives, by an unanimous vote, declared that the Governor of Arkansas, in order to secure an election to the Senate, illegally issued certificates of election to members of the House. In North Carolina we have the case of a minority of the Legislature contending that they have the right to elect a Senator to the Senate so long as the majority still only elect a Democrat. We have had in Georgia, the election of as many as three persons to the United States Senate at a time; and throughout the whole Southern States there has been a general looseness in regard to honesty and fairness in the matter of Congressional elections, the impression being that no Democrat ought to or would be admitted to a seat so long as there was a claimant who professed to be a Republican. The fact is, most of the carpet-baggers of the Senate hold their places in defiance of public sentiment in their States, and but few if any of them can have the remotest chance of re-election unless the Senate establish the rule that a Republican claimant must be always admitted, and that the facts concerning the election are, of necessity, a secondary consideration.

The House Committee finds now that this business has been overdone, and it is proposing to put a stop to it. But it is a matter worthy of consideration whether those irregularities in Texas and elsewhere have not been directly invited by the conduct of the House during the last five years. The substitution of politics, or, as it was styled, loyalty," in place of a majority of votes, in so many cases,—as, for instance, in that of Covode, in Pennsylvania, and Morgan, in Ohio, and in the various Louisiana cases,—was an advertisement to every man, mean and dishonest enough to accept it, to claim his seat as a loyalist, whether he was really elected or not. If the House Committee on Elections will now reverse this unfortunate practice, and re-establish the rule that the man legally elected is entitled to his seat, if otherwise qualified, and that no one else can be admitted to that seat; and will further establish that the political opinions of the person elected have no bearing on his right to the seat,—they will bring these disgraceful proceedings by the adventurers at the South to a speedy and deserved end.

THE RELIGIOUS CONVENTION.

The Religious Convention at Cincinnati has come and gone. Its proceedings have been little more than a dispute between the representatives of sects, both Orthodox and Heterodox, and, if any results have been accomplished, they are so indefinite that it is extremely difficult to comprehend them. It is a rather noticeable and significant fact that very few of the representative men of the Evangelical denominations—the men who are the active workers in the cause of Christianity—were present, and that leading religious journals have taken strong and even radical grounds against the objects which the Convention sought to accomplish. It was made up of extremists from a few of the denominations, Rationalists, Materialists, and Spiritualists, and between the facts which were alleged upon the one side, and the theories which were propounded upon the other, the Convention drifted into dogmatic confusion, and accomplished no valuable results. The bonds of creed were too strong to allow of any concert of action, and personal prejudices too persistent to reach any definite result by compromise.

Every sincere religionist will rejoice that such was the case. However honest the callers of this Convention may have been in their design, that design, if accomplished, would have tended to bring religion into reproach, if not actual danger. The idea that the Christian religion must be recognized and virtually protected by legislative enactments, involves the idea that that form of religion is in danger of being submerged by other forms, and seriously questions the power of Omnipotence to administer the affairs of His Church in the world, regardless of the fact that He holds in His hand all legislation, and shapes the work of Governments to suit His all-wise purposes. The point made by the Rev. H. H. George, in a discussion of the Bible question, shows the animus of the entire proceedings of the Convention. This point, briefly stated, was:

That the legality of the requirement to have the Bible read in the public schools now pending in the Supreme Court of Ohio, would, if necessary, be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, where the Judges would be obliged to decide the matter according to Constitutional law, and that, as there was no clause in the Constitution of the United States recognizing religion or morality, therefore the enemies of the Bible have much to hope for when the question comes before the Court.

The argument is almost too puerile to need answer, but it includes the whole purpose of the Convention and the drift of its action. It would be a sufficient answer to say that the assumption made by the Convention, that the Constitution does not recognize religion and morality, is erroneous; but, for the sake of the argument, grant that it does not expressly mention the name of God or stipulate morality. Suppose that a case came before that tribunal, involving a felony, would the enemies of morality have anything to hope for? Have not its decisions always been necessarily in the cause of morality? Have the enemies of religion any more to hope for? Grant that there is nothing in the letter of the law immediately recognizing God or morality. Are not morality and religion the ground-work of all law? The very existence of law involves the existence of religion and morality. The former is a direct outgrowth of the latter, and the law is administered in the immediate interest of morals and religion. It is thoroughly imbued with their spirit, and if, in the case alluded to, the Supreme Court should decide adversely, it would not do so because the Bible was an irreligious book, or because the Court favored the enemies of that book, but because the Constitution allows the widest latitude of religious belief, and prohibits interference with a man's religious convictions so long as they do not prejudice the public weal.

The union of Church and State has never yet advanced the cause of religion; on the other hand, it has damaged religion by enforcing the peculiar views of the dominant party, until some other party gained sufficient strength to assert its views, and in every such instance history shows that the inevitable collision of thought has produced war. Engraft any religious clause upon the Constitution, and the way is at once open for an endless clashing of religious theories, and the inevitable assertion of some one form of religion by the sword. Every religious clause has not yet replied, except by a statement to a reporter that the proceedings of the Christian Association appeared to him but little short of an impertinence. So hard it is for Reformers, when elected, to see the expediency of Reform.

English Recognition of American Literature.

While two of the three prominent English weeklies—the *Spectator* and *Saturday Review*—are seeking every pretext to condemn the Geneva Arbitration Tribunal, the third, the *Athenæum*, has been engaged of late in paying the United States some very handsome compliments. The most gratifying of these are bestowed upon our literature, and they will be all the more heartily appreciated not only because the *Athenæum* is a standard literary authority, but also because it is only a comparatively short time since the English literary journals were accustomed to ask sneeringly: Who reads an American book? It is evident now that American books are read in England, and likewise appreciated. The special fact to which we refer is an article in the *Athenæum* of Jan. 6, which reviews our literary productions for 1871, and selects those which it deems most noteworthy. Bayard Taylor's translation of "Faust," it thinks, is "the only book of the year to which almost unlimited praise may be given without reservation," both as catching the spirit of the original and preserving the very versification. Mr. Bryant's translation of "Homer" is compared with Lord Derby's, and pronounced to be "less laboriously rounded and ornate," but "more forceful and vigorous." It gives the poems of Mr. Longfellow and the essays of Prof. Lowell the highest compliment that could be paid them, perhaps, when it says that they are now to be found in all the English bookstores, side by side with the best English works. Mr. Whipple's "Success and Its Conditions" is set down as a volume "of true and manly essays, full of suggestion." John Hay's "Castilian Days" is praised for its "rare freshness and vigor." Mr. Higginson's "Atlantic Essays" strike it for the most unstinted praise as among the very best of American productions; and a high place is assigned to Dr. Holmes' "Mechanism in Thought and Morals," and Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's "Wear and Tear." Mr. Stoddard's "Book of the East" is mentioned as "a volume of verses of much grace and beauty, with not a few evidences of unusual power;" Bret Harte's "Echoes and West Poems" possess "singular ability;" and William Winter is justly praised for his poems, which have never received the proper recognition, in this country, due to their remarkable purity and beauty. The American reading-public will endorse all that the *Athenæum* has said, with the possible exception of the statement that Miss Phelps' "Silent Partner"—a practical essay on Labor Reform—is "a novel of high excellence."

It is a pleasant thing for American publishers to know that American books have at last found a market in England, and it is still more pleasant for American writers to win praise from Sir Hubert. As an era of good literary feeling seems to have set in, would it not be well to perpetuate this good feeling by establishing the vexed question of international copyright upon a satisfactory basis? Circumstances were never more favorable for such a settlement, and under its influence, which will mass directly into rest the author in remunerative fruition for his work, the best works of both countries before the reading-public at the smallest possible expense, literary production will be stimulated to even a higher degree of excellence than that which now exists.

The Boonsboro *Advocate* has a one-armed employe who is said to be a very fast compositor.

—Intensely cold as has been the weather at Council Bluffs, there is a hole on the Crescent Bottom through which water is continually flowing, and in spreading over the bottom is converted into ice. One man has a deep well, that never before had over three feet of water in it, which is now 8 feet deep.

—Subscribers to the Marshall *Times* may find an explanation in the following extract from that paper:

We are inclined to think that the *Times* office is hunted hard, for we were the victims of a burglary and thought a large supply of print paper, but we have not heard of it yet. We are out, and have telegraphed for a fresh supply. Our losses are heavy, but they are also out, and now the old man has struck out for Sunday's work. The devil is also out, and is not paper, and the daily is sucking its last wind now.

—A test liquor case will be tried in February in Des Moines, under the State Temperance law passed in 1865. Mrs. Ann Priestly sues J. Hierb, a liquor-dealer of that city, for selling liquor to her husband. She lays her damages at $5,000.

—In the city of Davenport a suit was brought against the Rock Island Road, to recover $30,000 city taxes alleged to be due. Payment was refused on the ground that the law which regulates the payment of State and county taxes says "the taxes herein provided for shall be in lieu of all taxes for any and all purposes." A similar case taken up to the Supreme Court from Dubuque was decided in that tribunal in favor of the city, the Court ruling that the law had no application to municipal taxes.

—A luminous cross, of which the moon was the centre, was visible at Davenport on Sunday evening last.

—The pioneer school teacher of Scott County is a widow, named Mary Ann Denkman, residing near Moline, Ill. She taught for one term in a log cabin on Second street.

WISCONSIN.

—Diphtheria prevails to an alarming extent in Ozaukee County.

—An illegitimate shingle factory near Millsville has come to grief, the owners of the raw material demanding recognition.

—One-third of the students at Lawrence University are ladies.

—A Norwegian in the town of Lind, Waupaca County, has trapped over 170 foxes during the winter.

—The towns of Meecan and Princeton, Marquette County, have gone to law to ascertain whether or not an unfortunate man is a pauper, and, if so, where he belongs.

—The La Crosse *Democrat* says a lady came into that office, the other afternoon, and wanted to see that 25-cent lace that would go into her nightgowns!

—Oshkosh has a cat which goes out every morning and slides down hill.

—A clergyman near Waupun had contracted a debt with the Hon. Wm. E. Smith, ex-State Treasurer of Wisconsin, which he found it almost impossible to pay. His salary was used up year after year in the support of his family. The interest was accumulating unpaid, and swelling the debt from the original amount, about $900, to nearly $500. Serious thoughts had been entertained of selling the piano, and paying off the debt. But on New Year's morning a letter came from Milwaukee, in Mr. Smith's handwriting, and inside of it, as the anxious family expected, there was their cancelled note, a New Year's gift.

INDIANA.

—Eliza Reed and John Snard, each 80 years of age, are the parties to the latest breach of promise case at Indianapolis.

—Three hundred barrels of cement are daily made at Watson, near Jeffersonville.

—The New Albany *Ledger* appeals for the preservation of the old State House at Corydon.

—Mrs. Ann Stephenson, 60 years of age, was burned to death in Lower Albany on Sunday morning.

—Pymouthites now wear little bags of asafœtida, gum camphor, salt and sulphur, around the neck, to keep away the small-pox. The ladies have theirs beautifully embroidered.

MICHIGAN.

—Workmen on the river tunnel at Detroit have developed a fine sulpher spring, much longer than the one across the river at Sandwich, and the new beverage is having a great run.

—Miss Amelia Wood, a deaf mute, residing at Jackson, while putting coal in a stove, caught her late switch in the flame, and narrowly escaped being burned to death.

—The Holly Water Works at Big Rapids have been completed and accepted.

—Constantine has commenced the prosecution of liquor-sellers, the first one tried being fined $27.50.

—Lima Clark, of Green Oak, will leave Hillsdale College $3,000.

—A man residing in Lowell recently came into Ionia, who claimed to have lain four days and three nights apparently dead. He was struck down into the snow by a falling tree. His comrades found him after a long search, and, although he was pronounced dead by a physician, his brother persisted in keeping him. The result was that on the fourth day he became conscious.

—About forty new buildings have been erected at White Rock, Huron County,—which village was nearly swept away in the October conflagration.

—The receipts of the State Agricultural Society for the year were $14,314.35, and the expenditures $14,234.07.

MINNESOTA.

—The Joint Committee on the union of Minneapolis and St. Anthony met on Monday evening. The report of the Sub-Committee on Wards allows six to Minneapolis and four to St. Anthony. It was then voted to prepare the form of a charter for the new city, to be informally submitted to a popular vote before action is taken by the Legislature, the latter body not being authorized to grant a charter subject to approval by vote.

—The total exports of wheat, including flour reduced to bushels, from Winona during the year 1871, amounted to 3,167,672 bushels. This is an excess of 7,565 bushels over the shipments of the previous year. The aggregate exports of grain of all kinds for 1871 were 3,425,730 bushels.

—Hastings has a literary Association under successful headway. It embraces 107 members, who have subscribed $3 each.

—The State Prison has 98 inmates. The work-shops are under the control of Messrs. Seymour & Co., who hire the labor of the convicts. Tubs, buckets, and cooperage of all kinds are manufactured together with a general assortment of office and store furniture. To erect a new workshop and fire in the grounds, an appropriation of $22,00 is asked.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Alfred Forbes, of Swanton, Vermont, is a father at the age of 13.

—Thomas Scott is reported to receive $150,000 a year as the sum of his united salaries from the railroads which centre in him.

—The prisoners in the Idaho Penitentiary have announced that they will not remain in the place unless they are supplied with tobacco.

—A feast of a unique character was held in Columbus, O., on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of "citizens under 30 years' standing," who came there with nothing, and now own a homestead, with debts paid, and no repudiation.

—Colonel Poe, of Warsaw, Ind., has in his possession the butt end of the gun with which his grandfather, Adam Poe, expedited the passage of the Indian Chief Big Foot, to the H. H. G.'s of his grandfather, in 1782.

—A reflective New Orleans reporter described a new hearse as "a splendid, though sad, vehicle."

—General Fitz-John Porter has been appointed Superintendent of the work upon the new State Lunatic Asylum at Morristown, New Jersey.

—The Very Rev. Father Chaldany, ex-Mitred Abbot of the Maronite Convent of Mount Lebanon, has arrived in New Orleans. His convent was pillaged and burnt by the Druses, and with the permission of Archbishop Perche, the reverend gentleman will solicit of the faithful donations in aid of his people.

—The New Orleans *Republican*, of Jan. 30, says: "We had the pleasure of a visit last evening from that veteran of circus fame, Mr. Dan Rice. The presence of Mr. Scofield, of Pennsylvania (one of the Congressional Committee), in this city reminds us that Mr. Rice and Mr. Scofield were opposing candidates for Congress at one time in Pennsylvania. The result, we believe, was that Mr. Rice consented to return to the circus business, instead of subscribing into the monotony of a seatless Congress."

—An undertaker's office in Indianapolis recently bore this cheerful inscription on the front door: "Gone for a dead man—back soon."

—John Male, of Atlanta, is to paint a full length portrait of the Hon. Howell Cobb, to be placed in the Hall of Representatives at the Georgia Capitol.

—Governor Carpenter, of Iowa, who was inaugurated in a suit of homespun cloth, has just appointed Alfred Sorenson, a Dane, to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry, and one Military Secretary, with the rank of Captain of Cavalry.

—It is stated that Mr. Arthur L. Haliburton, the youngest son of "Sam Slick"—the late Justice Haliburton—has been appointed to an important office in the English War Office—that of Assistant Director of Supplies and Transports.

—The Leavenworth *Commercial* says: "Kansas had her Calhoun in Thos. Ewing, Theo. Wm. Bill, Buffalo Bill, Apache Bill, Comanche Bill, Buckskin Bill, Bill Mathews, and now we have a Temperance Bill before the Legislature, which threatens to raise the deuce with all the politicians in the State."

—George E. Hale, of California, is appointed a first-class clerk in the money order office of the Post office Department, having passed the competitive examination under the new Civil Service system, for E. R. Roxbury, resigned. There were twenty-two candidates at the examination. This, it is believed, is the first appointment under the new system that has been made in this city.

—The Newbern *Times* says: "In the vicinity of Washington, N. C., among the curiosities shown is the scene of the violent death of a man named Elliot, 58 years ago. The story runs that Mr. Elliot was riding a horse, when the animal bolted, throwing the rider against a tree, dashing out his brains. The horse, in bolting, left deep impressions of his hoofs in the ground, where they have remained, defying the storms and efforts of so many years to obliterate. The side of the tree struck by the head of the unfortunate man, it is said, has since withered, while the remainder is in good condition.

—William A. Kirtland, who died in Westbrook, Conn., Jan. 24, was the sole survivor of the shipwreck of the Charles Laurence, which foundered off Sable Island, March 29, 1854. Mr. Kirtland was one of five survivors of the steamer Varuna, which foundered off the coast of Florida Oct. 30, 1870.

—Messrs. George R. Spencer, Oliver D. Goldsmith, Linden Russell, and G. McMicken, prominent Canadian officials, have arrived in St. Paul from Fort Garry. Their trip from Fort Garry to Breckenridge was made in four days, by stage, but a rail week was consumed in the trip from Breckenridge to St. Paul, during three days of which they were detained at Wilmar. From that place they came by private conveyance to Kandiyohi, where they took the train for St. Paul. The party is on its way to Canada.

—Mr. C. E. DeLong, the United States Minister to Japan, was in 1856 Constable in Foster's Bar Township, Yuba County, California. He afterward studied law, and represented that county several times in the State Legislature. From California he went to Nevada. He was twice a candidate before the Nevada Legislature for the United States Senate, but was defeated both times. He went to Japan as Minister in 1869.

—The Hon. John P. Hale is now in Washington, where he will remain a few weeks. Mr. Hale has nearly recovered from the fracture of his knee, received by the running away of a horse during the last State fair in Dover, N. H. His general health, however, has not greatly improved.

—Nilsson has been interviewed by Miss Fannie Kellogg, of Council Bluffs, who was armed with a letter of introduction from a prominent official in Indiana. Miss Kellogg writes as follows:

Miss Nilsson sent word that she would be in her room at 4 o'clock precisely. I called, and soon found her charming in conversation, entirely free from affectation, and delightfully natural. Whenever she is so earnest in talking as she is singing, and told me, in her spiritual way, some of her experiences while singing "Home, Sweet Home." When I rose to go she kissed me, and said she hoped I would get ready and go to Europe with her next year. I told her I would if I could live cheaper in Europe that in America, besides securing the advantage of having Nilsson as a friend. She laughed, and told me to go home from the entertaining and tell her how I liked the opera, but as I was obliged to leave by the 10 o'clock train, I did not see her again. She is a noble, whole-souled woman, who has not been spoiled by the splendid triumphs she has received in this country.

—On Saturday last the Theodore Thomas orchestra made the trip from Washington to Acquia Creek, Va. While passing Mount Vernon, Mr. Thomas summoned the members of his company together, and, under his guidance, the notes of a sweet dirge were wafted in the breeze across the Potamac, over the last resting place of George Washington.

—In infant, 3 months old, at Kingston, Ont., can speak the various letters of the English alphabet with correctness and clear distinct enunciation, with the exception of the W. It can also hum after its *pater familias* the air of some of the latest ballads, and occasionally lead out with wonderful accuracy and sweetness of voice.

—On the arrival of the Japanese Embassy at San Francisco, Prime Minister Iwakura was magnificently attired in a dark, rich blue robe, beautifully embroidered and corded. His two colleagues, Messrs. Yamaguchi and Yamaguchi, were also richly attired in dark blue robes

GENERAL R. S. EWELL.

Particulars of the Last Illness and Death of this Confederate Hero—Almost Simultaneous Death of his Wife.

From the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, Jan. 28.

The citizens of this community were pained, though not surprised, to hear that Lieutenant General R. S. Ewell had closed his last earthly yesterday morning, at his residence near Spring Hill, Maury county. The intelligence which had been circulated during the previous two or three days as to his condition, had prepared us all to expect the worst. Following close upon the decease of his wife, the sad event created a feeling of depression which was visible on every countenance.

General Ewell was sick only fifteen days. On the sixth day of his illness he had grown much better, and was in such good spirits, that he desired the windows of his room to be raised for the admission of the cool, invigorating air. But the effect was too severe upon his weakened system, and he sank into a stupor and never rallied. For the eight or nine days which followed, he was alternately better and worse—hanging all the time between life and death. His noble, warm-hearted wife, who had anxiously and virtuously watched beside his sick bed, through sickness and want of rest, succumbed to the same fatal disease. Though no one had announced to him her death, he said that he feared the terrible truth, because he saw "a pall had fallen upon the house." His mind had become so keenly susceptible to everything transpiring around him, that even the thoughts of his attendants seemed to have no hiding-place from him. He told them that he had made his will and other arrangements for the disposition of his property, and after he had been informed that his wife was dead from him, he remarked, with the same simplicity characteristic of him: "I don't want any monument raised over me; only a plain head-stone and foot-stone, like those over the graves of the rank and file of the soldiers in Virginia. My rank while in the Confederate service might be inscribed upon one of the stones, but I wishing nothing in the inscription which will cast any reflection upon the Government of the United States."

General Ewell had been in the habit of wearing a pair of blue infantry pantaloons, which he had purchased subsequently to the war.

Upon one occasion, not long before his death, and when he could speak only with the greatest difficulty, he said of them, "After all my fighting against the United States army, it is strange that an old pair of infantry pantaloons should kill me at last." He attributed his death to having put them on during the wet weather, after having worn a much thicker pair.

As to his funeral, he said that he wanted no display, no pomp, no parade over his remains, but simply wished that his comrades and friends, if they desired, might show their respect in a plain and unostentatious manner.

When the corpse of his wife, shrouded and in the coffin, was taken to his room, just previous to their being sent to Nashville, on Wednesday morning, he was raised up from his pillow that he might look upon her face for the last time. He was too weak to show any emotion, but he whispered a request that the funeral might be delayed, so that both could take place at the same time, and both be laid side by side in the cemetery. That request was complied with. His neighbors have remarked that he was not less successful as a stock-raiser than as a General. No man in Tennessee ever exhibited more interest in improving the breeds of cattle and sheep.

THE CUMANA BAY TREASURE.

Partial Disappointment of the Wrecking Expedition—A New Enterprise to be Entered Upon.

From the Norwich (Conn.) Bulletin, Jan. 26.

George W. Fuller, of this city, manager of the American Submarine Company and of the wrecking expedition sent by it to recover the treasure sunk in the Spanish frigate, the Santa Rosa, arrived at home from Cumana Bay on Tuesday. Mr. Fuller brought with him many interesting curiosities taken from the wreck, some of which are on exhibition at Lee & Osgood's, on Main street. Among them are a number of Spanish milled dollars—those taken from the wreck black with corrosion from the action of the water and the iron on which they lay, and those recently coined, but bearing the same little changed by their long submersion. There are also the works of other portions of watches made apparently of iron, an old-fashioned tiny pipe, a perfectly preserved tumbler of thick, heavy glass, military buttons and ornaments, grape shot worn to shreds by rust, a case of needles, a bottle of beef, perfectly preserved, intact, and specimens of the wonderful coral wood with which the ship was planked, sound and fresh as when first put upon the timbers.

After the arrival of Mr. Fuller at the wreck, the work of clearing the hull was pushed forward with vigor under his personal supervision, both above and below the water, and in a much shorter time than was expected the herculean task of removing the debris above the ballast was completed, when uncertainty became certainty—very little of value was found. It was discovered that the treasure room had been above and not within the after magazine, and by the terrific force of the explosion the contents were driven into the sand and mud, and buried out of the way. A small number of loose coins remained in the wreck, into which they had fallen, but the millions covered the bottom for an area of an acre around the vessel. The idea of the power of the explosion may be formed from the fact that the sternpost of the vessel, with twenty-five feet of the keel attached to it, was stripped of all its timbers, transom, and planking, and carried through the air two hundred feet from the wreck, where it was recently discovered, with the rudder braces, copper bolts, sheathing, &c., still attached to it. Silver dollars imbedded in the wormeaten wood, in one weighing six hundred pounds at a distance of three hundred feet, as imbedded in the coral bottom by the force of their fall, that only a few feet of the coins were visible.

The wreck having been cleared without result, about the 1st of January the bottom of the ship, a great distance was thoroughly dredged, and the examination carefully made convinced Mr. Fuller and the other officers that great sums of money are still buried there, but that in order to obtain it a new outfit must be made, as this could not be obtained in South America, and the Nellie Gay, which was fitted for the work of breaking up, the wreck (and, as we showed, successfully), proving unsuitable for economical working, it was decided to send her North, Mr. Fuller going on in advance with six men. Immediately after his release from prison they came to Tennessee. He had ample and congenial occupation in superintending the farm near Spring Hill on which they resided, his neighbors remarked that he was not less successful as a stock-raiser than as a General. No man in Tennessee ever exhibited more interest in improving the breeds of cattle and sheep.

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Affray Between Editors at Kansas City.

From the Kansas City Bulletin, Jan. 28.

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From the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, Jan. 28.

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WISCONSIN TOBACCO.

A Serious Controversy as to the Value of the Crop.

From the Janesville Gazette.

During the past few weeks the weather has been favorable for tobacco stripping. Most of last year's crop is now ready for packing, and buyers from the East are on hand prepared to purchase, provided growers will accept their bids. But right here arises a difficulty. Our farmers do not know the market value of this product, and are consequently suspicious that the low prices offered by buyers is the result of a combination amongst them against producers. Nor are we certain but such is the case, for we can see that the opportunity is in the hands of the buyers to fix their own figures on the entire crop. Eight, nine, and ten cents are offered, but we can, on comparison with the quotations on New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Ohio lots, seems small. But it must be remembered that Wisconsin tobacco has not been long enough upon the market to acquire for itself a reputation sufficient to give it a distinctive location among Eastern quotations. It is placed under the head of "Western," in which the quoted prices range from seven and a half to fourteen cents a pound. Wisconsin tobacco may be equal in quality to Pennsylvania or New York seed leaf, which ranges as high as 45 cents per pound, but it is not probable that such is the case, from the fact that soil and climate being equally favorable our tobacco producers have not had the experience of its culture and subsequent cure to enable them to place the crop before the buyers in as perfect a condition as those of old tobacco-growing districts, who have been thoroughly educated to the process.

Time will determine the value of the Wisconsin crop. If it proves to be of superior quality it will gradually assume a leading position upon the markets. If it is valuable, it will be sought for, as the tendency of buyers to favor lots from a particular locality will give to that locality a reputation, and as that reputation increases, so will the price increase until the maximum is reached. We are not disposed to favor buyers who would plot against the interests of our farmers, and, moreover, we are inclined to believe that there is cause for the complaints which reach us daily from the tobacco districts. In a few years, when Rock County has served its apprenticeship in tobacco-growing, we shall better understand how to deal with buyers. Just now they have us at a disadvantage.

Lord Fitzroy Lennox—Was He Lost with the Steamship President?

A London journal of recent date publishes the following extraordinary and romantic statement: There has just died at Battersea Fields, Lands worth, a person who some few months since was expected to startle the world with a revelation more mystifying and of wider interest than the *cause celebre* of Tichborne, now dragging its weary length along. It will be within the recollection of those whose memory dates back to the time of the loss of the ill-fated Screw Steamship, the President, among the voyagers who were at the time supposed to have found, without one single exception, a watery grave, two were singled out as more than ordinary passengers, and their loss was specially dwelt upon in the newspapers of the day—one, on account of his universal popularity as an actor—the gifted Tyrone Power; the other, Lord Fitzroy Lennox. The fate of the latter, there appeared no reason to doubt the authenticity of the story, and it being proved beyond all reasonable doubt that Lord Fitzroy Lennox had taken his passage and embarked on the President, his loss was duly mourned, the sudden and special circumstances adding to the distress of the grief-stricken parents.

But if we are to believe the story of the person whose death we are recording, and who claimed to be Lord F. Lennox himself, he was not wrecked, nor at the time of the wreck was he even on board the President. He did not leave New York at all; but, after going on board, returned ashore; nor did he embark from the port in the fated vessel. This statement, without the faintest trace of eccentricity or system of aberration of mind, he maintained to his dying day, and at his last request, when in full possession of his senses, which does we know, been conscientious, was that he should be buried in a certain spot, was that he should be buried in a certain spot, and that his coffin plate should be inscribed with his full style and title—viz., Lord Fitzroy George Gordon Lennox. Monday, therefore, saw the remains (if the inscription on the funeral urn is to be credited and accepted in the spirit of the truth tablets should generally carry with them) of Lord Fitzroy Lennox consigned to the tomb, the obsequies attended only by three mourners and some twenty fellow clerks, was followed as a last mark of special respect. The coffin plate bears the following inscription: "Lord Fitzroy George Charles Gordon Lennox, aged 51. Died Dec. 3, 1871."

The ground for this was deceased's statement, so far removed from hallucination that it fully satisfied many well able to judge, and more especially one medical gentleman of some eminence as a London practitioner, who, after spending much valuable time in investigating the truth of the story, was so convinced of his identity as the missing member of the Lennox family, that he treated him on all occasions not as an imposter, but as a friend and confidant; and, in his professional capacity, sanctioned the making out of the certificate of death in the full style and title of the Lord Fitzroy Lennox. Passing under the name of Henry Clay, but generally known as the "Captain," the deceased obtained a situation with the London & Southwestern Railroad Company, and has been employed as clerk at their London terminus for the last twelve years, earning the respectful esteem of all his fellow servants.

IOWA.

The State in 1871.

The following is synopsized from the report for 1871 of Secretary Shaffer, of the Iowa State Agricultural Society:

The rain-fall was 67 1-2 inches during the year.

The counties report, with a single exception, that better breeds of cattle are being used. It is claimed that the short-horns, crossed upon the common cattle of the country, produce a better class of stock than any other breed.

Reference is made to the interest that was taken during 1871 in swine, superior animals having been brought from distant points. The ravages of cholera, and that, threatened abandonment of hogs by many farmers on account of the going out of sheep-breeding, is brought in to illustrate the bad policy of abandoning any kind of stock when depression comes. Many of those who sold their flocks of sheep for a mere song now regret their folly.

The hog stock marketed in 1871 was declared superior to the stock of any previous year, the stock being superior both in shape and weight.

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Finding that the palates of the animals yearned for old horse living, instead of old horse dead, another jaded animal was purchased, and this time, under the same circumstances as before, he was made to decoy several wolves into the trap, and the doors held them. By taking up a board in the floor the hunters had an easy job to shoot the animals. The wolves got suspicious the next night and would not enter the trap, and so on the next night the horse was tied to a tree in the woods, and two wolves were killed by the ambushed hunters. The next day a smaller pen was constructed about two miles away, and by taking old horses from one pen to the other, with an occasional night in the woods, Perry and his companions have done a wollish business. He stated that one horse stood them about eight weeks, some of the mentioned two cases wherein the equines had been inconsistent enough to give up the ghost after one night's work. Animals were purchased in Bay City and Saginaw, and about ten have been caged up since last fall. Those purchased here will be put to the same use. Wolves having become a little bashful in the old neighborhood, a change

A STREET SENSATION.

A Married Man Takes a Strange Lady to a Theatre, and Gets into Trouble.

The Husband of the Unknown Fair One Comes Down "Like a Wolf on the Fold."

Interesting Prelude to a Divorce Case Pending in the Superior Court.

Domestic difficulties are generally confined within the precincts of the house divided against itself. Not so, however, in the case of George H. and Addie Clarke, husband and wife, whose family secrets have recently become a public item.

At 10 o'clock last evening, loiterers in front of the Globe Theatre, on Desplaines street, were attracted by tones of anger which rung clearly through the chilly air. The first words heard were, "This thing is about played out. That woman is my wife, and if you don't let her with me, I'll shoot you." Suiting the action to the word, a dapper little man, set off with a shiny stovepipe hat, flourished a formidable revolver in the vicinity of a great six-footer's fifth rib. Between the two stood a young woman with dishevelled locks of rippling brown, who cried out, like one distracted, for help.

Meanwhile, the altercation between the men waxed warm. The taller of the two told the little fellow to go to a place where fire is whanged, and, catching the female in his brawny arms, flung her bodily into a buggy that was standing near by. This done, the longitudinal person jumped into the vehicle after the lady, and, gathering up the reins, lashed the horses, and started toward Madison street. The knight of the pistol shouted "halt!" and dashed after the retreating pair. He managed to catch the hinder wheel of the buggy, and so impeded its movement that the fugitives were obliged to pause in their flight. Meanwhile the pursuer kept calling out in tones stentorian: "Give me back my wife! Give me back my wife! you don't. We are not yet divorced. I don't want her running around with other men."

This turnout soon attracted the attention of two police,—Officers Simmons and Moran,—and, as the runaways were about making a fresh start, the officers were upon them and pursuer and pursued were alike made captive. All three were conveyed to Madison Street Station, where the men were accommodated with separate rooms, and the lady was given a seat by a red hot stove in the prisoner's corridor. A TRIBUNE reporter sought an interview and was indulged in his wish.

The man who made the outcry was first visited. He was found pacing uneasily around and muttering things incoherent. He readily consented to make a statement, which was, in substance, as follows:

My name is G. H. Clark. I keep a restaurant and boarding-house at No. 169 South Halsted street. Married Addie Pollard on the 31 day of last July. It was at Elgion, Ill. She and I lived happily together for some time after we came here, which was soon after our marriage. Then she displeased me by her actions, and I warned her of the consequences. She was too free with other men, and I would not stand it. At the end of December we had a row, and she left. She went to board with a relative, her mother, at No. 600 West Lake street. I kept a watch on her, and last night was told that she had gone to the Globe with a strange man. I followed her there, and you know the rest. She was married before, she told me, to some man in Hazelton. I don't know his name, and don't care to make of her. I filed a bill for a divorce on the 1st of January, and she filed a cross bill the day after. The trial comes on in the Superior Court next Monday.

Clark made other statements relative to Mrs. Clark, which would hardly admit of publication.

Our reporter then sought out Carter, the man who had Mrs. Clark at the Globe. He is a stalwart, dark-looking man, with a face which certainly does not indicate an intriguing character. He said:

My very good nature has got me into a fix. That woman lives over the way from me. I keep a crockery store at No. 887 West Lake street. My name is Carter. I am married, and have a wife and two children."

The reporter asked why he indulged his fancy for theatricals in company with another man's wife.

Mr. Carter continued: "Well, that was my confounded good nature all through. She first asked me to drive her down to Mr. Van Buren's office. He is her lawyer. On the way there she said, 'Let's go to the theatre.' I said, 'All right—if you say so.' Then we went. I didn't know she was married until that nop-o'-my thumb put in that row. I'm not afraid of him, for I could, though, no more than if he was a little dog. The worst of it is, my wife is waiting for me home, and here I am locked up, and I don't know the future. The deuce take the women, anyway; they're always getting men into trouble."

With this philosophical reflection Mr. Carter concluded his remarks.

The "lady in the case" was next interviewed. She is a pretty woman, and has a ready flow and fluency of speech, which indicates good practice. Our reporter told her what Clark had said of her. She said:

"Let him prove it. I am his third wife. He was divorced from his first two. Jeb's daughter couldn't live with Clark. He drove herself, my sewing machine, and my trunk out of his house on New Year's Day. He's a terror, that's what he is. He is foolish about me, but I have taught him all he knows, even to his A B C's. He can't say anything against me that he can prove. I was an orphan girl when I married him, and am a perfect gentleman. I don't think I did wrong in going to the theatre, because his wife knew all about it. But his conduct is shameful, that's all."

And Mrs. Clark relapsed into a soft slumber, from which the hasty tread of the midnight interviewer aroused her.

The station-keeper then turned look and key on the interesting trio, and they were left to the disposition of Justice Scully.

RAILROAD DISASTER.

List of Killed and Injured by the Disaster on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 2.—The following are the names of the passengers killed by the accident on the Lehigh Valley Railroad: Miss Annie Smith, Mrs. Proctarius, widow of Professor Proctarius, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Mr. Miller; William Smith, wife, and daughter, of Reading, Pa. Mrs. Smith is living in the list of the injured: Hon. E. L. Dana; Sheriff Whitaker; Mrs. Traxell; Miss Spayd, of Williamsburg, N. J.; George Lauder; a man named Wolf, of White Haven; John Cox, of Bethlehem; Conductor Baughman; a brakeman, name unknown; Miss Traxell and Messrs. Brady, Ward, Cox, and the Conductor, are considered seriously injured.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—A Scranton special states that the bodies of the women and children killed in the Mansion House, three others died, one being a female school teacher. The accident was from a broken rail caused by the frost. The engine and the two first cars went over safely. The next car breaking its coupling, was precipitated down a steep embankment, dragging the next car after it. All the passengers were more or less injured. The company did everything for the comfort of the passengers after the accident. This is the first instance of life lost on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Later details of the accident on the Lehigh Valley Railroad state that the anguish and dismay of the passengers who rumbled down the embankment is fearful. The engineer, fireman, and two or three others came to the rescue of the suffering. The first body drawn out from the fore part of the car was that of a gentleman, whose features were almost destroyed, his face and forehead being crushed up. Though warm, he was quite dead. The feet of the colored woman were next seen extending from beneath the part of the car that was still burning. In a few seconds the burning timber was removed, and the dead body of a full-grown person was exposed. Near this body was that of another colored female, the daughter of the latter. Others were injured, in addition to this young girl, the colored woman had also an infant, which was carrying in her arms when she entered the train. Search was at once instituted for it. Around the opposite side of the car, about eight feet away, a small trunk was found, with its body curled up, crying out lustily for its dead mother. The child had received no injuries of any moment, while several of the crowd were engaged with the child, the dead bodies of two ladies were drawn out. Both were well dressed, and of apparently respectable birth, but greatly disfigured about the head and neck by the severity of the wounds that had caused their death. Close beside them were also stretched side by side on the snow. Each being soon soaking in the blood that was flowing from their ears, noses and horrible bruises, a wild, indescribable picture was presented.

Additional names of persons injured, of whom four (whose names are not reported) have since died, are as follows: S. H. Mellon, Towanda; John Lally, Pittston; Mrs. Montayne, Brooklyn; Lambert Weaver, Millersburg; Miss Kate Nearcross, Mahoney City; Jane Kilpatrick, York; Mr. H. Revel, Philadelphia; Mrs. Yonker, brakeman, Philadelphia; Alex. Kelsey, Hickory Run; Charles Timmons, engineer, Pittston; P. H. Gallick, Hickory Run; Aaron Whitaker, White Haven; Noah Schlichtman, Bethlehem; Seigfreid, conductor, Easton.

ILLINOIS.

Insurance Companies Licensed—Articles of Incorporation Filed—The Military Occupation Business not Dead yet.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 2.—The Continental Insurance Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the State Insurance Company, of Hannibal, Mo., filed their statements required by law with the Auditor, and have been licensed to do business in this State.

The Remington Empire Company, of Chicago, capital stock, $150,000, filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State.

After ten days of unprecedented cold a change has taken place, and we are having mild winter weather.

It is the present intention of the leaders of the Administration party in the House to make another caucus next week, in which they will endeavor to put through a resolution thanking Generals Grant and Sheridan for their services, then attempt to pass it in the House. There will be a decided resistance to it in caucus and a still bitterer opposition in the House, for many who voted for Brown's resolution are opposed to any further discussion of the subject.

It now appears as if Ogleby was willing to run for nomination for Governor as against Palmer.

Fires.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Feb. 2.—A fire at Osage, last night, caused by the explosion of a Kerosene lamp, destroyed the drug store of J. Daly, the Hitchcock Block, containing three stores; five frame buildings, and the *Mitchell County News* office. The total loss is $50,000; insurance only $1,000.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3.—The planing mill of Harvey Fisher & Co., on Front, near Pike, was destroyed by fire last evening. The fire originated from a furnace in the engine room. The loss on machinery and stock is $11,000; insurance, $6,000.

QUEBEC, Feb. 2.—The warerooms of Bouchard & Sortin, and Thompson's bookstore, were burned last night. Loss, $50,000.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3.—*The Times and Chronicle's* Newcastle (Pa.) special says a fire broke out in a building known as the Newcastle Agricultural Works, and leased by the Monitor Press Company. The building and its contents were destroyed. The loss is estimated at from $70,000 to $80,000; insurance, $25,000. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

LOUISIANA.

Further Testimony Taken by the Congressional Committee at New Orleans—State Officers and Legislature, and the Price they Put Upon themselves.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—The principal witnesses examined by the Congressional Investigating Committee to-day were George H. Bowen, whom Warmoth ejected from the Secretaryship of State by force, without legal process, and Mortimer Carr, member of the House of Representatives, who attempted to oust Parker from his seat as Speaker on the 4th ult. Many statements were made by these and other witnesses tending to show the wholesale venality of the Legislature, and Governor. A broker in bribes named Hawkesworth, testified to having bought Carr, Campbell, Wilcox, and Dewee of the Legislature to support private steals; also the Governor, Warmoth, was given 3,000 shares in a gas company to facilitate his signature of the bill. Carr swore to having been approached by a Federal officer with an offer to buy his (Carr's) vote. He would not divulge the name of the officer, and will, if he persists in his refusal, be taken to Washington under arrest for contempt. Warmoth will be called to-morrow at Mobile, and is expected to give the Federal officials and his enemies generally a severe scoring, for which he has been preparing for weeks. By-the-by, I do. The investigation will not last more than three or four days after to-morrow.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—The Congressional Commission was in session six hours. Several witnesses were examined. The evidence was very similar to that in the Governor and members of the Legislature, showing violence, bribery, etc. Mr. Carr, one of the Warmoth leaders in the House, testified that the scheme to oust Parker can party originated between the Governor and Lieutenant Governor Dunn; that the Federal officials at first were elated with Dunn, Mr. Carr had not remained in De Soto Parish, which he represented, over three months, all told, and had not been there since the new year. In 1870. During the investigation it has been shown that there are many members of the Legislature who have never resided in the parishes they pretend to represent.

Telegraphic Brevities.

—In the case of Glover, the Boyiston Bank robber, the jury, last evening, returned a verdict of "Guilty."

—A Madison despatch states that the Hon. J. C. Hopkins, Judge of the United States District Court, died quietly on Friday [sic] at Evansville, Ind., to hold United States Court there, in place of Judge Gresham, who is sick.

—Herman E. Hascall, part owner of the Kalamazoo, Mich., *Telegraph*, committed suicide yesterday by blowing his brains out. He is supposed to have been temporarily deranged.

—Sandy White, colored, was hanged at Charleston, S. C., yesterday, for the murder of Fides last summer. White's accomplice, a negro named Baldwin, had his sentence commuted by Governor Scott to imprisonment for life when under the gallows.

—The aggregate of lumber manufactured in Detroit during last year was nearly 81,000,000, and of lath 18,000,000. The total amount of lumber handled in that market during the year was about 161,000,000, and the stocks now on hand there foot up about 50,000,000.

—A grand banquet was given to the Japanese Embassy at Sacramento, on Thursday night. The Embassy starts for the East this morning.

—H. C. Comegys, who was arrested, with others, in Baltimore, charged with raising checks, was not the agent of the National Life Insurance Company at the time of his arrest, but was removed a short time ago.

—James Thompson was arrested in St. Louis, yesterday, for swindling Farley, Smith & Co., bankers, of Montgomery, out of $250, which he obtained on a forged draft some days ago. Nearly all the money was found on him.

RAILROADS.

W. H. Vaughan, a native of New Hampshire has been appointed Superintendent of the Texas Central Railroad, which is now in operation for about 850 miles.

—A corps of engineers is at Wheeling, engaged in surveying a route for the Pittsburgh, Wheeling & Kentucky Road.

—Captain Ira Taylor commenced work, with 100 men, Jan. 1, on the Mobile & Northwestern Railroad, at the Mississippi River, opposite Helena.

—The Short Line Railroad from Dayton to Cincinnati will soon be pushed through to completion, as the laying of the rails will be commenced in a few days. The rails are to be all of steel.

—Track-laying on the Mankato Branch of the Southern Minnesota Railroad will be commenced in the spring and put through to completion without delay.

—The Grand Rapids, Newaygo & Lake Shore Railroad has been graded to Cazenovia, Mich., and the iron is laid to the Detroit & Milwaukee Junction, near Grand Rapids. The rails for the whole line have been purchased.

—The Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis and Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad Companies are boring for water at Chapin, Ill., and propose to keep on sinking the well until a reliable vein of water is reached.

—The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has been experimenting with iron freight cars, and find them to possess advantages, but have also discovered some disadvantages. They are rendered useless for some kinds of freight on account of the welding process to which they are subject, and, when ventilation was resorted to to obviate this, it was found that the goods were covered with dust, or were in danger of fire from sparks that found their way in.

—Stock to the amount of $300,000 has been subscribed to build a parallel road between New York and New Haven. The route proposed is the plan sketched in 1866. Beginning at New Haven, the Derby Road will probably form the first link. Then, from Birmingham to the State line at Portchester, a new road must be built. The proposed track is to run down alongside of the Housatonic River, just below the hills that form the western boundary of that valley. Then, turning toward the west, it runs through the northern part of the shore-line spring Bridgeport about a mile or a mile and a half north of the present road, and so continuing, at a distance of from five miles to less than a mile, to the western boundary of the State. From Portchester to New York City the route is over the Rye & Westchester Road.

—Chief Engineer Seymour, of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, and a party of engineers and contractors, were at the village of West Salem, Wis., Jan. 29. They have been surveying a line from some point near Sparta, where the Madison & Barraboo Extension of the Northwestern will strike the LaCrosse Valley; and have run their line along about a mile north of Bangor village, not far from the village of Burns, crossing the LaCrosse River below, passing through the north part of West Salem, crossing what is known as the Thrasher farm, and will probably make a connection with the Winona Cut-Off Railroad at or near Onalaska. On Tuesday the corps of Engineers were engaged in surveying the line between West Salem and Onalaska.

—An article called a "contract between the Cincinnati, Richmond & Fort Wayne, the Grand Rapids & Indiana, the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, and the Pennsylvania" Railroads was placed on record at Winchester, Ind., last week. It occupies twenty-two pages on the record, written very closely. The instrument is signed by Thomas A. Scott, William Parry, William A. Howard, and B. McLaren, Presidents of the four companies. By its provisions, these companies are to transact business together on the lines of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, Fort Wayne & Richmond, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, and Grand Rapids Railroads for the term of ninety-nine years. It is also provided that goods destined for points on the "Bee Line" west of New Orleans shall be taken at regular rates. This lease is made to the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad for ninety-nine years, but the whole is under the control of the Pennsylvania Company, more popularly known as the "Pan Handle" Company.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Some of the Louisville ladies have formed a "Tie-the-Garter-above-the-Knee Club."

—"Satanic quadrilles" were danced at a French fancy-dress ball in New York, the other evening.

—Pittsburgh is engaged in a desperate struggle for a Black Maria. The requisite outlay is $1,000.

—A clever young girl in Pittston, Pa., eloped from her grandfather, on Monday last, and eloped with the man of her choice. In this connection, may be mentioned $700.

—A few foppish young men in New York wear overcoats made of seal-skin, or cloth lined with crimson silk, and the coat is worn open for ostentatious display.

—Forts Sumter and Moultrie are again being repaired and mounted with guns. The abandoned remnants of the former constituted a kind of naval target during the latter part of the war.

—A Milwaukee woman brought to the station house charged with drunken and violent conduct, proceeded to extract from her chignon the requisite amount to ball herself out.

—A new style of ear-ring has a chain fastened from one ear-ring to the other, passing under the chin and answering the double purpose of a necklace also.

—The claims for material damages caused by the late agitation at Brussels amount to 800,000. It was certainly, if it can be called an *emeute*, the cheapest ever seen.

—The Mardi-Gras festivities at New Orleans, Feb. 13, will eclipse anything before seen in that city, and people will flock thither from all portions of the Union.

—We are sorry to learn from a Hindoo astronomer that during the present year a blazing meteor will pass by the earth, and in the short space of twenty-four minutes destroy all vegetation, and kill millions of people.

—The Richfield Springs *Mercury* says: "In the summer season our citizens principally subsist on strangers. In the winter we are obliged to live on one another. Oh, for a summer that would last the year round."

—Apropos of the collapse of the Market Savings Bank, a New York paper observes that putting your money in a savings bank would be about as safe if you only knew how to save the savings bank.

—There is a dog, at a farm residence not far from Cleveland, which has been taught to carry the evening paper from the stage which daily passes the door to the house. He is familiar with the appearance of the stage, and starts at the post of its horn.

—A very strong effort is now being made in West Virginia to strip from Charlestown the honor of being the Capital of that State. A Convention having that object in view was held at Grafton several days ago, and was quite largely attended.

—Twenty-seven States have Post-Offices named Clinton, and there are twenty called Lyons. On the consolidation of the towns above named, on the Mississippi, it is proposed to adopt the name Cromwell, which represents but four Post-Offices.

—A society of "Old School Adventists," near Chicopee, Mass., have just taken a ten years' lease of their camp ground, and bought the trees upon it.

—The trip of Colonel J. P. Sanford, of Des Moines, heretofore mentioned, includes about 65,000 miles. He will start for San Francisco Feb. 14, and leave for Yokohama, March 1. After a tour through Japan of two months, he will ship for Hong Kong, China. Two months will also be devoted to the Flowery Kingdom, when he will take up a line of march for Calcutta, Bombay, and the East Indies. About two months will be devoted to seeing the sights of those countries, and he will visit Egypt (the third time), Palestine, Persia, Turkey, and Russia. From St. Petersburg the Colonel proposes to go 2,000 miles north, under the Arctic circle, in the region where the year is divided into one night and one day. Touring from the north, he will traverse Europe, paying a hasty visit to the scenes he visited in days before, and return home by way of England. Eighteen months is the allotted time for the trip.

—On Monday afternoon a gentleman residing in East Hartford, Conn., appeared at the police headquarters, and desired that officers should accompany him to overtake the Windsor Locks train, who had called at his house an hour before, and he had directed them to Mr. Risley's, as they asked to go there. He said that a year ago Michael Chesceret and Scott, the murderers, worked in his neighborhood chopping wood. He knew them well by sight, and recognized them at once, as did his daughter. This man was so confident, that numerous questions were propounded, and it was found that he gave a very accurate description of the fellows, whose photographs were then produced, and upon seeing them the caller at once exclaimed, "They are the very men!" Officer McCarty was at once despatched with the man to go in search of the parties and see what the story would amount to. He returned about midnight with the intelligence that they were not the men.

Vaccine Virus.

YORKVILLE, Ill., Jan. 28.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In reply to a communication of M. L. Curtis, in your issue of the 26th, in regard to vaccination, and for the information of your readers, I will say a few words in regard to obtaining good virus. I will not attempt an explanation of the "consequences" of vaccination in the two cases he mentions, as they do not prove anything; for the very reason mentioned in each, he incurred had the children never been vaccinated; but, in regard to re-employing the vaccine virus, a report will be found in No. 58 of Braith watte's Retrospect, 1869, where Dr. Stone, of Trinidad, West Indies, tried the effect of vaccinating cattle, and then using the virus thus obtained. The virus, before this, had been feeble, uncertain in action, and failed entirely in 1,000 cases out of 1,000 in 85 lbs, on private terms; 90 cb, 78 lbs, at 86.40.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,500 head; market quiet and shade easier; demand light. Sales at $5.00@5.25 for medium to good; in bulk at $5.12@5.15.

The Produce Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 2.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat steady; No. 1, $1.55; No. 2, $1.221. Oats firm at 32½c. Corn quiet and weak; No. 2, 49c. Rye scarce; No. 1, 69c. Barley quiet and weak; No. 2, 59½c.

HOGS—Steady at $4.25@4.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull at $12.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 brls; wheat, 14,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 2,000 brls.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—COTTON—Unchanged. Sales, 2,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour unchanged; receipts, 7,000 bbls. Superfine Western and State, $5.15@6.10; common to good extra, $6.35@6.70; good to choice, $6.65@7.85; White wheat Western extra, $7.20@7.40; choice do, $7.50@7.80; St. Louis, $5.70@9.50. Rye flour steady, $4.00@5.25. Corn meal unchanged. Wheat quiet; No. 1 Chicago spring in store, $1.47. Rye dull at $1.05@1.06. Wheat in fair demand and higher; No. 2 Chicago spring, $1.56. Rye, barley, and malt unchanged. Corn less active, new mixed Western in store, 41½@42c; old, 73c; yellow Western, 74½@74½c. Oats a shade easier; receipts, 9,000 bu; No. 1 Chicago, 39½@40c.

EGGS—Firm at 33@36c.

HOPS—Quiet.

GROCERIES—Coffee quiet; Rio, 19½@21c. Sugar steady; fair to good refining, 9½@9½c; Cuba, 8½@9c; Havana, 8@9c. Molasses firm; New Orleans, 45@65c. Rice dull.

PETROLEUM—Crude, 12½@13c; refined, 23½@23½c.

TURPENTINE—Quiet at 74c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork steady; light demand. Bulk meats and bacon active; prices unchanged; hams quiet and firm, at 11½@12c. Lard quiet and firm; prime steam nominal; kettle, 12½@12¾c.

WHISKEY—Quiet and steady, at 89c.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, Feb. 2.—Cattle—Receipts 50 cars, making a supply of 326 cars against 206 cars same time last week. Closed dull and weak. Late arrivals of cattle generally go Eastward through first hands. Sales were 39 Ohio steers, 1,100 lbs, $5.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 800 head; the market closed easy and demand falling off; prices nominally about $5.00@5.25 for choice lots, ranging 75 to 85 lbs, on private terms; 90 cb, 76 lbs, at $6.40.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,500 head; market quiet and shade easier; demand light. Sales at $5.00@5.25 for medium to good; in bulk at $5.12@5.15.

The Produce Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 2.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat steady; No. 1, $1.55; No. 2, $1.22½. Oats firm at 32½c. Corn quiet and weak; No. 2, 49c. Rye scarce; No. 1, 69c. Barley quiet and weak; No. 2, 59½c.

HOGS—Steady at $4.25@4.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull at $12.50.

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SHIPMENTS—Flour, 2,000 brls.

Albany Live Stock Market.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,300, and no sales reported for to-morrow. Quality very good, embracing a few droves of fine Ohio and Illinois. Market steady and prices strong, owing to scarcity of the superior quality. The market closes strong, with a prospect of all being sold to-morrow. Henry Rankin sold 90 Illinois, av 1,300 lbs, at 6½c; 74, av 1,250 lbs, at 6½c; 84, av 1,300 lbs, at 6½c; 74, av 1,270 lbs, at 6½c; 83, av 1,170 lbs, at 5½c; 19, av 1,170 lbs, at 6c; 20, av 1,200 lbs, at 6½c; 20, av 1,300 lbs, at 6½c; 20, av 1,300 lbs, at 6½c; 74, av 1,250 lbs, at 6½c; 8, Ohio, av 1,100 lbs, at 5½c; 19, av 1,170 lbs, at 6c; 20, av 1,200 lbs, at 6½c; 20, av 1,300 lbs, at 6½c; 20, av 1,300 lbs, at 6½c; 74, av 1,250 lbs, at 6½c; 8, Ohio, 19 Ohio,